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JEWEL OKAWACHI is one of two new members on the Albany City Council.

Newcomer not lacking in experience

Jewel Okawachi has a long history of community involvement, particularly in youth causes

By Clare Curley

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — If the first City Council meeting in 2001 was any indication, the new blood on the council could stir things up a bit.

During her first council meeting last week, activist Jewel Okawachi voted in the minority on both major items on the agenda, including one in favor of allowing a Chinese cultural center to occupy a space in the San Pablo Avenue Towne Center, which is zoned for retail. Newcomer Mario DiPrisco sided with Okawachi on that vote, citing the growing Asian population in the Bay Area. The three returning council members, Jon Ely, Peggy Thomsen and Allen Maris, cast conservative votes that upheld the Zoning Board's decision.

Being in the opposition on the issue doesn't seem to bother Okawachi.

On one hand, she indicated a tendency to vote on the heart, telling the board members she had learned to speak Japanese as a child.

But she also has a depth of experience that she doesn't shy from.

Her business occupied a space in Albany for 17 years, and she knows all too well the difficulties of running a business whose store-

front is obscured from traffic by parking lots in front.

"I think the Towne Center has to be re-zoned," said Okawachi.

Though city attorney Robert Zweben offered changing the zoning code as an alternative, none of the board members took it up at the meeting. Thomsen said Okawachi's vote "didn't surprise me. She's a helping hand."

Okawachi's current services are on the Parks and Recreation Commission, the city's Youth Task Force, the Coalition for Teens, Albany Police Activities League (APAL), the Albany Prevention Council, and AUSD's Athletic Council and Budget Advisory Council.

Given this track record, one could also question her ability to be unbiased when the council faces decisions tied to youth, parks, education and other of her key interests.

Former mayor Ruth Ganong, who also helped Okawachi campaign, acknowledged this can play a part in decision-making.

At that same meeting Okawachi also voted in favor of coughing up some \$18,000 to bail out the struggling teen-run Cafe Eclectica.

Other council members were involved in getting the cafe on its feet, like Allen Maris, who admitted a soft spot for the enterprise.

Afterwards Okawachi explained her vote, saying that since it just got regulatory approval to serve food, it now has a chance to grow.

"You can only eat so many potato chips," she said.

Still, Ganong doesn't see Okawachi as the type to be too swayed by her interests.

"She's very strong and fair-minded," Ganong said, adding, "You never vote to please people be-

cause there's always somebody that will not like what you're doing."

Since council members are discouraged from also acting as local board members, Okawachi will leave her seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

A lifetime in Albany

A lifelong Albany resident who still lives in the same house that her parents built in 1928, Okawachi could hardly be more of a part of the local fabric.

Under her belt are a bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley and 27 years running a typesetting business in Albany. Her resume lists nine local awards and recognitions and 12 Albany organizations in which she has participated over the years.

Her three sons, Mark, David and Stan, who still live in the area, are what initially kicked off a side career as an Albany activist.

Okawachi's long history of activism dates back to 1965, when she became a den mother for the Cub Scouts and later for the Boy Scouts.

As they grew older, she worked in the Little League, volunteered with Albany High music and athletic organizations, and held several PTA offices.

"People think I'm crazy — especially my good friends," she admitted.

Her home suggests a person to whom family plays an important role. Her cozy living room displays numerous collections of tiny Santa Claus figures and miniature angels — favorites of her grandchildren — crowded near a piano which she

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EC reopens talks on odd vs. even-year election cycle

Move takes school board by surprise

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Local politics may be getting a little odd in the future.

Last week the City Council voted 4-1 to recommend that the West Contra Costa Unified School District maintain odd-year elections and raised the issue of El Cerrito retaining an odd-year election cycle.

In May 1999 the council approved a plan to put the city on an even-year cycle. Lower election costs and increased voter turn-out on the even-year cycle were reasons cited at the time for the change.

The school board is considering moving its elections to even years to coincide with the state and national general elections. Councilwoman Gina Brusatori requested the matter be put on the council's Jan. 2 agenda for discussion.

School board member Glen Price said at the meeting that voter turnout could double and that the district would save about \$100,000 if it changes to even-year elections. He pointed out that currently in West County only El Cerrito, Richmond

and the school district have odd-year elections.

The council voted 4-1, with Councilman Mark Friedman opposed, to send letters to each school board member and the district superintendent recommending that they retain odd-year elections. The question of whether El Cerrito, meanwhile, should change its own plans to move to even-year elections will be discussed more thoroughly at a future City Council meeting.

Brusatori said that in even-year elections, some local issues such as the recent failed library measure, Measure L, are crowded out and overshadowed by other local issues, state propositions and state and national candidates.

"The experience that I had in the last November election made me think the odd years are better for local elections," Brusatori said this week. "When people are looking at their ballot or trying to decide what the various issues are, there's less competition from the larger issues and the longer ballots," with the shorter odd-year ballot Brusatori said. "They can just be focused on what's going on with the cities; with the school district."

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El Cerrito readies annual tribute to civil rights leader

By J.R. Deaton

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EL CERRITO — This year's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Rally Celebration promises to hold to the El Cerrito tradition of honoring the slain civil rights leader while showcasing some remarkable local talent.

The 12th annual celebration will include marching high school bands, a senior tap dancing group, a performance of spirituality praise through sign language and speaker Terence Elliott from the African American Studies department at Contra Costa College.

There will also be a Reality Awareness Museum developed and displayed by Vanda Jones. The museum highlights the different social

aspects people face today, including health, education, family, violence, spirituality and social concerns of families, churches and the community.

Patricia Durham, program coordinator and parade marshal, says the El Cerrito celebration is one of the — if not the — oldest and largest such celebrations in Northern California.

The theme of this 12th annual El Cerrito celebration is "Holding Fast to the Dream" and parade organizers said that all are invited and encouraged to participate.

"Everyone should never let the dream die because it was such an important vision that Dr. Martin

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El Cerrito streamlines nuisance abatement rules

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Responding to numerous complaints, the City Council unanimously approved three changes in city law to make it easier to enforce anti-nuisance ordinances in the

city will be able to recover

staff costs and other out-of-pocket expenses in addition to abatement costs incurred in connection with abatement of public nuisances.

It had been unclear whether the city could recover such costs, but recent legislation in Sacramento has clarified the matter, reported City Attorney Howard Stern.

The council also approved the establishment of maintenance standards for vacant structures based on a San Jose ordinance. Formerly, to declare a deteriorating structure as a public nuisance there had to be evidence of either owner spite or the diminution of property values in the vicinity of the deteriorating structure. "That may be difficult to prove, par-

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Reserve officer recognized for years of service

By Clare Curley

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Daniel Bickham, who was named the city's Reserve Officer of the Year last month, has put in numerous hours of work serving the community over the past 11 years. And if acknowledgment is what he's after, you'd never know, despite the honor he just received.

The longtime El Cerrito resident is one of Albany's most-used reserve officers, due to his proximity just north of the city's border.

"No one was more shocked than me," said Bickham, who went on to name reserve officers he thought were more deserving. "This is quite an honor for me."

Others recognized in 2000 included John Geissberger, Officer of the Year; Dave Lembi, for Patrol Achievement; and Robert Wheeler, Reserve Officer Achievement (for most hours).

Bickham got a strong start in his 11 years as reserve officer. Early on, he received a commendation after his discovery of a vacant car subsequently led to a murder investigation, as well as work he put in related to the 1989 earthquake.

According to Albany police Chief Larry Murdo, Bickham is also known for his work with children over the years.

"He has done a lot with Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and is very involved in the community," Murdo noted.

For many reserve officers, the position is in part a way to gain experience and get their foot in the door.

"For years I wanted to be a cop," Bickham recalled. But, after completing the police academy, he was unable to attain a position with the force.

Though reserve officers are mandated to put in 16 hours a month,

many put in a lot more. The small stipend they get in return barely covers the cost of the uniform.

In general, their job is to provide relief for on-duty officers.

As such, Bickham has often received late-night calls to take on such duties as driving people to the Santa Rita or Berkeley jail or some local hospital.

Conducting warrants, raids and providing back-up are also the usual fare.

"Sometimes they call us in the middle of the night because someone in jail has to be brought to a mental institution," he said.

Still, there are some perks. For Bickham, the main one is the Solano Stroll, when he dons his officers outfit for the yearly parade.

Other perks are personal, like the

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DAN BICKHAM as depicted on his police 'baseball card.'

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Great books group

The Great Books Reading Discussion Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Library (1247 Marin Ave.). No charge. The next meeting is Jan. 16, when the topic is Alice Munro's short story entitled "A Real Life." Location: For more information call Lucy Fields 510-526-8752.

Field guide to teenagers

Joseph Di Prisco and Mike Riera will speak about their new book, "Field Guide to the American Teenager" on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Redwood Day School Auditorium, 3245 Sheffield Ave. in Oakland (right off of 580/MacArthur Blvd.). A contribution of \$7 per adult is suggested. Di Prisco is an educator, novelist and poet who has taught for over 20 years in middle schools, high schools and college. Riera, Ph.D. has worked in education since 1980. He is the author of "Uncommon Sense for Parents and Teenagers, and Surviving High School". He currently works at Marin Academy as the Director of Counseling.

Development and clean water

"Turning the Tide: Balancing New Development and Clean Water" is a one-day symposium taking place from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Jan. 23 at the Oakland Museum, sponsored in part by the Alameda County-wide Clean Water Program and the Home Builders Association. The symposium will discuss the current building boom and how it is affecting water quality in the Bay Area. The symposium is designed to share information about development projects that have been or are expected to be both environmental and economic successes. All participants will be encouraged to participate in a dialogue regarding the challenges of balancing the increasing water quality and aquatic habitat requirements with new development. Register online at www.abag.ca.gov/events/turningthetide. This event is for anyone who is interested in finding out more on how urban landscapes can be integrated with water ways.

Tax help for seniors

The American Association of Retired Persons provides free tax preparation and as-

sistance to low- and moderate-income taxpayers, with special attention to senior citizens, Feb. 1 through April 15. Volunteers are trained in cooperation with the IRS to assist seniors with their personal income tax returns at numerous locations through the Bay Area. For more information, call 888-727-7669.

Programs for young folks

The El Cerrito Community Center at 7007 Mooser Lane offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their preschool children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. Taster Tots is a program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years and meets Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon. The program for ages 3-1/2-kindergarten meets Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Casa Cerrito Tots is a program for ages 3-1/2 to 5 that provides skill building and kindergarten readiness activities in an exciting age-appropriate setting. Toilet training is required. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. For more information please call Judie Bellotti at 510-215-4371.

Supervisor Gioia to install chamber officers

County Supervisor John Gioia has agreed to serve as installing officer at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's Jan. 19 Installation and Awards Dinner at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club.

Acting as master of ceremonies at the Chamber's major social event of the year will be Ken Berndt, former local banker, city council man, mayor and Chamber president and manager.

The two will preside over a gala event which is expected to draw capacity crowd on hand to Chamber officers for the coming year installed and several local business leaders honored for their service to the community and the Chamber.

Opening the festivities at 6:15 p.m. will be a reception hosted by incoming Chamber President Marge Collins, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations at \$25 per person are required and may be made by contacting the Chamber office at 510-233-7040 on or before Jan. 17.

Among those who will be joining Collins in taking office that night will be: June Boblitt, first vice president; Barry Sanchez, second vice president; Charlie Weaver, secretary-treasurer; and Board of Directors members Marty Kaliski, Maria Galaviz, Bob Winslow, Allen Essex, June Boblitt, Harry Kiefer, Larry Sanchez and Wil Chun.

Singled out for special recognition during the evening's festivities will be retiring Chamber President Michael Klingner and a large number of other Chamber members who will be honored for their outstanding service to the community and its business organization.

First new member of 2001

Meeting Expectations, a home-based business run by local publicist and event photographer Mollie Hazen, has signed on as the El Cerrito Chamber's first new member of this year.

Catering to a highly selective clientele which includes nationally recognized authors and public figures, Hazen aims for photographs which are more than just pretty pictures as she seeks to capture the "essence" of a special event or person.

As a publicist she has won recognition for her promotion of people and special events in both the print and broadcast media and for her

El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinternick

fund raising and event management efforts in the field of politics.

Active locally, she is a member of the El Cerrito Rotary Club and Inner Wheel and served as co-chairman of public relations for last year's Community July 4 Fair here.

Meeting Expectations can be reached by telephoning 510-559-9300.

Reinvest right away

Chamber members were urged this week to respond as soon as possible to the reinvestment statements mailed to them.

The dues covered by these statements, Manager Sewall Glinternick pointed out, provide the major financial support for the organization's operating fund.

"Prompt response to these notices," he warned, "is vital if the Chamber is to continue to serve the business community without interruption."

Members, he added, could, if they desired, pay their reinvestment fee in two installments.

Tax warning issued

Members of the business community were warned this week by the California Association of Local Economic Developers that there is not general tax exemption for sales made over the internet.

For sales tax purposes, the Association pointed out, internet sales must be treated just like sales made in retail stores or other outlets, through sales representatives, over the phone, or by mail order.

Some internet sales are not taxable, CALED points out. Sales for resale, sale of cold food products and sales delivered outside of California may not be subject to California sales or use tax.

Sale of electronic data products such as software, data, and digital images is generally not taxable when submitted to a customer over the internet or by modem.

Seek support of members

El Cerrito Chamber members are being asked for their support — in the form of cash, merchandise or gift certificates — by those planning El Cerrito High School's Grad Night

2001.

Contributions will help underwrite a party in the school gymnasium on Friday, June 15, where ECHS students can celebrate their graduate in a safe and sober environment.

Donors names will be prominently displayed at the party and acknowledged in the Grad Night program, in the school newspaper and on the school's Web Pages.

Chamber members who wish to make a tax deductible donation may do so by contacting the ECHS Grad Night Committee, El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

The Grad Night event traditionally draws strong support from Chamber members. Among those backing the 2000 event were Abbey Carpets, Pastime Ace Hardware, East Bay Sanitary Co., El Cerrito Lighting, Ball Chiropractic, Bank of the West, Black, Brown, Lanier and Jackson, Dr. For Paws, El Cerrito Lions Club, El Cerrito Plaza Merchants Associations and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Art group names officers

The El Cerrito Art Association, an associate Chamber member, recently selected new officers and committee chairmen for the coming year.

Picked to head the group in 2001 is new president Collin Murphy, who will be assisted by: Nina Hazelton, vice president; Dot Champion, secretary; Eileen Hammons, treasurer; Sylvia Falcon and Phyllis Myers, directors; and Barbara Brendlinger, parliamentarian.

Named to head committees were: Nylan Jeung and Earl and Nina Hazelton, annual art show; Jean Witke, historian and mini art show; Katy Cabral, hospitality; Janice Maupin and Nancy Peterson, program; Hans Brouwer, exhibits and transportation; Susan Ford, membership; Eileen Hammons, book raffle; Elizabeth Kayser, mailing; John Oshiro, publicity; and Barbara Brendlinger and Denyse Biagi, editors.

Driver gets two DUIs in one night

EL CERRITO — On Dec. 30, a 35-year-old San Jose man was arrested twice for drunk driving in slightly over two hours.

At 2:20 a.m. he was allegedly spotted by police driving two hours after being issued a DUI. After he refused to stop, he led police in a pursuit of his yellow Chevrolet pickup truck for 20 minutes. He was arrested again near the intersection of Potrero and San Pablo avenues.

Several car windows were shattered last week in several incidents of vandalism.

At 1 a.m. on Jan. 4, the driver's side window of a Chevrolet Corvette was shot with a BB gun while it was parked on the 7500 block of Curry Avenue. The same night, a window was also shattered on a Dodge Caravan parked on the 500 block of Colusa Avenue, as well as the rear sliding window of a Dodge pickup on the 100 block of Santa Fe Avenue.

In addition, the night of Dec. 29, the rear window was smashed on a Honda Civic parked near the intersection of Kearney Street and Conlon Avenue.

POLICE REPORTS

Since there were no suspects for any of these incidents, police don't know if any of these incidents are related.

At 4 a.m. on Jan. 1, a 24-year-old Richmond woman reported that her coat, containing a passport and keys, was stolen from Nation's Giant Hamburgers & Great Pies at 6060 Central Avenue.

CDs and paperwork were stolen from a residence on the 5800 block of Avila Street last week. Police reported that a rear window was smashed for entry, costing the owner \$300 in damages and stolen property.

At 6:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve, two men, one 22 years old and one 29, were arrested after employees said they witnessed them shoplifting at Longs Drugs Store, 10650 San Pablo Ave. They were taken into custody by the loss prevention officer and have since been cleared.

That same night, an in-dash CD player was allegedly stolen from a

Ford Bronco parked on the side of Galvin Drive, resulting in worth of damage.

The evening of Dec. 29, a bicycle valued at \$120 was reportedly stolen from a residence on the 600 block of Alameda Avenue. Police said a cable lock was cut and the front stairs were damaged.

A middle-aged woman reported that she had been burglarized at Walgreen's on 11565 San Pablo Ave. the morning of Jan. 2. A woman she fled in a dark brown model of a Chevrolet was stolen.

The night of Dec. 28, a phone was stolen from a residence on the 500 block of Conlon Avenue after a woman forced down for entry, resulting in police.

A trash can was stolen from a residence on the 1800 block of Linton Boulevard early in the morning of Dec. 28.

At 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 4, a year-old man was arrested allegedly urinating in public, refusing to cooperate with police, tried to bring him in to the

Purse snatching reported at bus stop

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — At about 4 a.m. on Jan. 1 a resident on the 900 block of Kains Avenue reported that someone had attempted to break into his black '87 Mazda, setting off the alarm. There were no witnesses.

At about 10 p.m. on Jan. 2 a resident on the 800 block of Talbot Avenue reported that vandals had thrown a rock through his front window. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Jan. 3 a resident on the 500 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that thieves had broken into her home and stolen items. There were no witnesses.

At about 10 p.m. on Jan. 3 a resident reported that while she waited at a Solano Avenue bus stop a man stole her purse and fled in a waiting car with two other occupants. The vehicle was last seen traveling south on Ramona Avenue towards Marin Avenue.

At about 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 3 an Albany man reported that his employee had just observed his red Nis-

san 200SX leave the parking lot. There was no description of the driver and the police are investigating.

At about 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 5 officers stopped a blue '87 Toyota Camry on eastbound I-80 because the vehicle was traveling in excess of 80 miles per hour and did not have its headlights on. The vehicle was discovered as reported stolen. The driver, a 20-year-old Berkeley man, was arrested and transported to the County Marshall's office. The car was towed and the owner notified. The passenger in the car was detained for investigation then allowed to depart.

On the morning of Jan. 5 a resident on the 600 block of Stannage Avenue reported that thieves had stolen his white '84 Toyota Celica parked in the driveway. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Jan. 5 a resident on the 900 block of Ventura Avenue reported that thieves had broken into her home and stole items.

At about 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 5 officers responded to the Bank of America on the 1500 block of Solano

Avenue on reports of a man trying to cash a stolen check. The 46-year-old man and he was transported to Berkeley jail.

On the afternoon of Jan. 5, a vehicle code violation, a 49-year-old Richmond man found to have outstanding from Contra Costa Sheriff's Office for Failure to Appear in court of \$7,000. He was arrested, released with a Notice to Appear.

At about 7 a.m. on Jan. 5, a resident on the 500 block of Street reported that while he was at his house, and his car was stolen. There were no witnesses.

At about 3 a.m. on Jan. 5, officers stopped a red '79 Ford near Gilman Street and 19th Avenue for erratic driving. The driver, a 34-year-old Oakland man, was found to be intoxicated, arrested, cited and released.

On the morning of

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Cub Scout pancake breakfast is Jan. 21

What's the best deal in Albany on Sunday, Jan. 21? It's got to be the annual Albany Pack 3 Cub Scout pancake breakfast. For \$6, adults will enjoy a sumptuous breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Veterans' Building in Memorial Park, 1325 Portland Ave.

This includes mouth pancakes, bacon or ham, eggs, coffee, juice, bagels, and other fixins'. Diners are automatically entered in what organizers say is the coolest raffle of the new millennium. The ultimate bargain is for seniors and children 12 and under—\$3 buys both breakfast and a chance to win.

By enjoying your meal, you will help Pack 3 continue its program for

first through fifth grade boys.

Founded in 1933, Pack 3 encourages all local boys 7 to 11 years old to join. Come meet the Cub Scout "maitre-des" when they help take your breakfast orders.

Dining at "Chez Memorial Park" is made possible through the ongoing support of American Legion Post 292 and local businesses.

Pack 3 especially thanks Bob Schiff of McDonald's Restaurant at 1198 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, for his generous contributions of food and gift certificates.

Other contributors include Golden Gate Fields, Albany Ford, Jarvis Architects, Rutherford & Singelst Builders, Truitt & White Lumber, Noah's New York Bagels on Solano

Avenue, Adronico's Market, Sizzler Restaurant in Albany.

Just a sampling of the support from local merchants includes: Christopher's Cafe, 10 at Albany bowl, two consultations at Cheasty & Cornet's at Law, Ecuador, The Flower Studio, and certificates from Zarr's Flowers and A.G. Ferrari Foods.

Also supporting the breakfast are: Dr. Kenneth Brehnan, East Center, E.H. Associates, Har duce Market, Kermit L. Merchant, Monterey Food public Title, Pacific Heating, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Realty, Safeway, Scandia Starbucks Coffee.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Young Americans singing their way into El Cerrito

EL CERRITO — There will be music and singing in the air with over 100 young voices joined in song for three days beginning Jan. 16 when the Young Americans again come to El Cerrito to teach over 260 young students from Kensington, Portola and El Cerrito High School voice and microphone technique, dance skills, microphone technique and over-ear performance. The 50 Young Americans, who come from Southern California, will lead three days of workshops and take part in a two-hour concert on Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Portola Middle School gym. Everyone is welcomed to attend and there is a modest admission charge. The event is being sponsored in part by The Ed Fund, the Portola Music Parents Association and the Friends of El Cerrito Music.

Upscale development set for board hearing

EL CERRITO — The city's Design Review Board will consider the proposed Mill and Lumber housing complex at its Jan. 17 meeting. The board, which is a residents' committee that advises the City Council, must approve new projects. The proposed development is a 162-unit apartment and retail complex planned for four lots formerly owned by El Cerrito Mill and Lumber on San Pablo Avenue and Kearney Street.

Some of the units will be live/work space. The proposal, which is billed by the developers, JMS of San Carlos, as upscale, calls for narrowing Kearney Street.

Public comment is welcome at the review board's meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council chamber, at the Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane. For more information, call the city's planning division at 510-215-4330.

Teaching Excellence Award nominations being accepted

EL CERRITO — The Ed. Fund announces its 14th annual Teaching Ex-

cellence Awards competition. Six \$500 cash awards will be given to recognize the extraordinary efforts of teachers, librarians and/or counselors at all grade levels in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Awards, to be presented at the annual Ed. Fund Teaching Excellence Awards Banquet on Friday, May 18 will increase the community's knowledge and appreciation of the high quality of education offered throughout WCCUSD schools.

To be eligible, a nominee must be a full-time WCCUSD teacher, librarian, or counselor, employed by the WCCUSD for at least the past three years. Past Ed. Fund Teaching Excellence Awards winners are not eligible.

Students, parents, district employees, business people, and other community members are encouraged to submit nominations postmarked or faxed no later than Saturday, Feb. 3.

The Ed. Fund will send an application form to every nominee nominated by the postmark/fax deadline. To be considered for an Award, nominees must complete a Teaching Excellence Award Application Form. To choose the Award recipients, The Ed. Fund will evaluate the applications the nominees submit, interview finalists, and select recipients.

For nomination forms or more details check online at www.wccusd.k12.ca.us or call 510-233-1464.

Codornices bridge rail dedication

ALBANY — Friends of Five Creeks will "unveil" its volunteer-built bridge rail on Codornices Creek and the Ohlone Greenway Saturday, Jan. 13. Members of the Berkeley and Albany city councils have been invited to swing sledgehammers along with members of the creek-restoration group, removing forms from the concrete bridge footing and towers.

More than 40 volunteers have put in hundreds of hours since late October, digging a trench for the footing, building forms, and pouring concrete.

The 56-foot-long rail was financed with a Berkeley Parks Department Mini-Grant. Design and supervision

were donated by Todd Jersey Architecture.

Replacing an ugly cyclone fence, the railing overlooks Codornices Creek, Berkeley's and Albany's most intact creek and the only one with a population of threatened steelhead. The project is part of Friends of Five Creeks' creation of an attractive, natural mini-park at this spot, previously strewn with litter and overgrown with ivy.

The rail provides an inviting spot for watching the cottonwood-edged creek. Since the creek forms the Berkeley-Albany border, the rail also creates an appropriate gateway to both cities on the Ohlone Greenway, the popular pedestrian/bicycle trail that follows the BART right of way from Berkeley to Richmond.

Work will begin at 9:30 a.m. (and will be in full "swing" about 10 a.m.). Participants will celebrate with a light picnic about noon. To reach the site, walk north along BART from 1215 Santa Fe in Berkeley or east to BART from 1200 Masonic Ave. in Albany.

For information call Susan Schwartz, 510 848 9358 or email fsccreks@aol.com. Background on Friends of Five Creeks is available at www.fivecreeks.org.

Adult School to offer vocal jazz workshops

Vocal jazz classes for teen-agers and adults are being offered by the Albany Adult School.

The 10-week quarter begins Monday and is led by jazz vocalist and educator Richard Kalman. Instruction includes working with microphones, learning solo jazz repertoire, performing in class and singing with a jazz combo.

The beginner-to-intermediate class will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 22 of Albany High School, at the corner of Key Route and Portland Avenue. The cost is \$44 for the quarter.

The class on jamming with a combo will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Adult School, 601 San Gabriel St. The cost is \$48 for the quarter.

Registration can be taken at the class or in the office of the Adult School. For information, call 510-559-6580.

OBITUARY

Elizabeth Schweiger

Elizabeth Gerrish Lee Schweiger, 89, died on Jan. 3 in Berkeley. Most recently residing in Moraga, she was longtime resident of the East Bay, living in Berkeley, Oakland, and Walnut Creek from 1925 until death, with several years on the East Coast. She was a great-granddaughter of Sacramento pioneer Samuel Howard Gerrish. She was born on July 19, 1911 in Fort Worden, Wash.

She graduated from Berkeley High School in 1928 and from UC Berkeley in 1932, later earning a master's degree in education from the University of Buffalo in 1961. She worked as a teacher for many years before becoming a high school guidance counselor, and later a certified marriage and family counselor. She

loved writing and published many articles in national magazines. She retired in 1991.

She took great pleasure in being active in the community and was a member of the American Association of University Women, Parent Teachers Association, Contra Costa County Maternal and Child Health Commission, Child Abuse Prevention Association (in Contra Costa County), St. Anselm's Episcopal Church in Lafayette, and Rossmoor Family Therapists Group.

She was a skilled bridge player, and avid reader, and enjoyed playing the piano and flute.

Survivors include Frederick Lee Schweiger, son, North Tonaawanda, NY; Nancy Ellen Schweiger, daughter, Albany, Calif.; Chris Lee Adams, sister, Lafayette, Calif.; three grand-

children; and three great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by Mitchell Frederick Schweiger, husband of 55 years, who died in 1993 and a son, Stephen Mitchell Schweiger, who died in 1961.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, the family will receive friends at 10 a.m. at the Parish Hall at St. Anselm's Episcopal Church, 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, followed by a memorial service in the church at 11 a.m. At noon, a celebration of Elizabeth's life will take place in the Parish Hall. St. Anselm's telephone is 925-284-7420.

Gifts: Juveniles Hall Auxiliary; Elizabeth Schweiger Scholarship Fund; Chris Adams Girls' Center, 202 Glacier Dr., Martinez, CA 94549; Diablo Respite Center, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd. Walnut Creek, CA 94595.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS Andrea Weiss, left, and Donna Tully will take part in a three-week medical tour of Nepal.

Two East Bay physician assistants to participate in Nepal medical mission

RICHMOND — Two Richmond-based physician assistants, Donna Tully and Andrea Weiss, have been selected by the America-Nepal Alliance for Health (ANAH) to join a team of eight other U.S. volunteer health providers for a three-week medical tour in Chamé, Nepal. While there, the medical team will care for approximately 5,000 regional Nepalese, many of whom have never had formal medical care. In addition,

the team will carry in donated medical supplies and bring several Nepal-trained physicians back to the U.S. for cooperative medical training.

"It's been my lifelong dream to share my knowledge about health care with people in developing countries who don't have access to basic medicine," says Andrea Weiss, an emergency room physician assistant at Alta Bates Hospital. Tully agreed, saying, "I've practiced clinical med-

icine and taught medical practice for under-served, diverse populations for 21 years in California. I'm excited to now have this incredible opportunity to serve patients in Nepal." Tully is an assistant professor of the Samuel Merritt College Master Physician Assistant program.

The ANAH, a Pennsylvania-based non-profit organization, was estab-

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employee at St. Mary's High School, on the 1200 block of Albina Street, reported that vandals had spray painted graffiti on buildings of the school. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Jan. 7 a resident on the 500 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that during the night thieves had stolen her white '82 Toyota. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Jan. 7 a resident on the 800 block of Hillside Avenue reported that during the night thieves had entered his house, possibly through the "doggie door" and stole his laptop computer. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of Jan. 7 a res-

ident on the 1100 block of Curtis Street reported he had just interrupted a subject who appeared to be breaking into his red Acura Legend. He described the suspect as a Hispanic male, about 35 years old, with short black hair and a mustache, and wearing a varsity jacket. He was last seen departing southbound in a black T-Bird. Police are investigating.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 8 a resident on the 500 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that thieves had stolen her white '82 Toyota Corolla. She had noticed it missing in the morning but since she didn't need it to go anywhere, she waited to report the incident.

■ On the morning of Jan. 8 officers were called to cite and tow a blue Toyota Corolla that was blocking a driveway. The vehicle was

found to have been reported as stolen. The car was towed and the owner notified.

■ On the morning of Jan. 8 officers located a maroon '89 Toyota Camry on the 800 block of Kains Avenue that had been reported as stolen in San Francisco. The owner was notified.

During the week of Jan. 1 Albany officers towed three vehicles, responded to 12 false alarms, attended to two lost or deceased animals, assisted four people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to one report of a barking dog. In the domestic arena officers responded to 13 civil disturbances and 81 civil assists. Officers stopped 54 cars and/or pedestrians issuing 23 citations and 34 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to 12 medical emergencies.

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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

Is there an automobile blocking your driveway?

By Scott Kirkland
EL CERRITO POLICE CHIEF

At the City Council meeting that was held on Jan. 2, I was asked the question, "What can citizens do about cars blocking their driveways?"

This is a commonly asked question, especially with the impact of BART parkers seeking spaces farther and farther into residential neighborhoods. Since this question is commonly asked of personnel in the police department, I thought it would be appropriate to utilize this forum to answer it.

Section 22500 of the California Vehicle Code is entitled "Prohibited Stopping, Standing, or Parking." The section states: "No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or official traffic control device, in any of the following places:

"Subsection (e) - In front of a public or private driveway entrance, except that a bus engaged as a common carrier, school bus, or a taxicab may stop to load and unload passengers when authorized by local authorities pursuant to an ordinance..."

In essence, it is illegal for anyone to park in front of a driveway, whether or not it is the property owner or not. If you have the unfortunate experience of having a vehicle parked in front of your driveway, call the police department at the non-emergency telephone number, 237-3233. An officer or a parking enforcement representative will respond to assist you.

Responding department personnel will make contact with you and try to resolve the problem to your satisfaction. After conferring with you and assessing the situation, the responding officer will have two options if the vehicle is parked in violation of the section: issue a citation to the vehicle, or issue a citation and tow the vehicle.

It has been the department's practice not to tow a vehicle if the property owner is able to exit the driveway with minimal difficulty; however, the vehicle would still be issued a citation. But, if there is sufficient difficulty involved or the property owner insists, the vehicle may be towed.

It is important to note that if the problem is not resolved to your satisfaction by responding personnel, you can call and request to speak with the watch commander at 510-215-4400 or 510-237-3233. The department wants to be responsive to the concerns of our community. It is imperative that you notify the department if we are not being responsive in a certain area, or if the service we are providing is not to your satisfaction.

If you have other questions about other concerns, please contact me, and I will address those issues.

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LOCAL VOLUNTEERS SPRUCE UP CODORNICES CREEK



Closet liberation front

"I'll give you a deal," my friend Micki said. "A hundred bucks for as long as it takes, with a three-hour guaranteed minimum."

It was two years ago, and Micki was in the midst of a mid-life career change - from furniture to fashion. She was becoming a personal shopper, a fashion consultant, an image-maker.

When I asked what sorts of things she'd be doing, she mentioned helping people clean out their closets and I made the mistake of saying that I could sure use help with that. Now she was trying to get a commitment and I was resisting.

It wasn't the money. The tax deduction from donating clothes would more than cover it. And it wasn't like my closet didn't need the attention. It did - big time. But I wasn't keen on the idea of Micki seeing the chaos inside.

It just didn't seem right to pay someone else to help me clean my closet. It's the kind of job I should do for myself. But I don't.

"Come on," Micki said. "You'll be doing me a favor. I need the practice and by paying me you won't feel guilty or beholden."

When she put it that way, I couldn't say no. We set a date. I canceled twice. She rescheduled three times.

"OK, let's get going," Micki said when she walked in the front door. She was carrying a large, Burberry plaid tote bag.

"How about a cup of coffee first?"

"We'll do that later if we have time," she said.

"Did I show you the pictures from our trip to ..."

"Stop stalling," Micki said.

I led the way to my bedroom and stood in front of the closet door. "OK," I said. "No laughing, no criticizing, no judgments and no thinking less of me."

"No problem. I'm a professional," Micki said, reaching into her tote and pulling out a notebook, pencil and assorted hangers. She stepped into my closet and picked up a hanger. On it I had crammed a skirt, pants, blouse, jacket and scarf - my black, all-purpose suit, fully accessorized and ready to go.

Micki began taking things off the hanger and putting each piece on its own hanger.

"What are you doing?" I asked.

"That's an outfit. It goes together."

"I'm deconstructing," Micki said. "If you separate these things, you'll



RONNIE CAPLANE
Under Construction

think of them as individuals and wear them with other tops or bottoms, which will give you more outfits."

I never knew that was allowed, wearing a suit jacket with another pair of pants.

As we went along, Micki made notes of what I had, what went with what and what I needed. She divided my closet into sections - pants, jackets, skirts, tops. She interrogated me about every marginal piece of clothing. How long have I had it? When did I last wear it? Do I feel good about myself in it?

Sometimes she made me try on a garment before deciding whether it went into the closet or the give-away pile. But she entertained any plea I made for leniency.

"What's this?" Micki asked, holding up a wire hanger with purple gauze draped over it. They were my harem-style pants with the ankle ties, circa 1978. I couldn't remember when I had last worn them and never expected to wear them again. But they were relics of my prior life, a period piece with sentimental value. Micki let me keep them.

She even replaced the wire hanger with a plastic one, as she had throughout my closet.

When we finished, I stood back and admired our work. It had taken almost four hours, but my closet was a different place - tidy and organized. Every piece of clothing had its own hanger. I could see what I had and liked everything I saw. Gone were the guilt clothes, the mistakes, the bargains and the barely worn, but severely out of style clothes.

Even with two large plastic garbage bags filled with give-away clothes, Micki's wardrobe deconstruction had exponentially increased the number of outfits I had.

But no makeover lasts forever, and my closet is ready for another one. There are clothes I need help getting rid of and outfits that I can't see.

I never thought it would come to this, but I'm calling Micki and I'm going to pay retail.

Parking situation is not tolerable

This is in reply to Ms. Greenwood's recent letter about limits on BART parking in residential neighborhoods ("Parking restrictions counterproductive," Journal, Dec. 8). I live in a similar neighborhood in El Cerrito. She had several points; one was that limited parking is counterproductive. What is productive about people who can ride a bus to BART but insist on driving their car? My neighborhood is crammed with BART parkers by about 8:30 a.m., and many of them are still there at 9 p.m. BART patrons continue to roam the neighborhood looking for parking spaces up to about 3 p.m.

I have talked with some of these people. One drives four blocks to park in front of my house. Another, a Pt. Richmond resident, asked me to put my car in a driveway so she could park in front of my house. Some of them live in nearby Albany. Three have their own resident-only parking stickers from Berkeley. Another removed "Construction Today" signs from in front of my house, threw them in my yard, and parked there. BART patrons park across driveways, and their cars are towed away. None of this addresses the traffic congestion and air pollution caused by all these cars. It is clear that as long as even one unlimited parking space is available, BART patrons will continue to bring their cars here, all of this while AC Transit buses go by almost empty and the Richmond Ferry abandoned service because of lack of patronage.

As for unlimited parking not causing police problems, this is not accurate. There are many complaints about illegal parking, and our small police department is burdened by answering these calls. A more ominous development is the frequent cruising by of people who stop and look into parked cars.

Ms. Greenwood is absolutely correct about the residents being angry. I think infuriated would be a better word. We cannot move our cars during the day without having to park about six blocks away when we return. The situation is intolerable.

Eileen Leon
El Cerrito

Letters to the Editor

ing in front of my business to make sure no one was able to enter unlawfully. I found that the door could only be pulled back down manually. The above three officers were extremely helpful with the above actions. Thank you again.

Michael Gonzalez
owner of El Cerrito Electric Co.

Editor's note: According to police Chief Kirkland, Pierson was training Keith at the time.

A creed for dissenters

Thanks for the flattering article and photo (Journal, Dec. 22).

I would like to add one remark, of significance for all dissenters, from Brigadier Gen. Henry Martyn Robert, author of Robert's Rules of Order:

"The great lesson for democracies to learn is for the majority a full, free opportunity to present their side of the case, and then for the minority, having failed to win a majority to their views, gracefully to submit and to recognize the action as that of the entire organization, and cheerfully to assist in carrying it out."

Robert H. Good
former city council man
Albany

Man is the only joker in nature's deck

The wonderful madness called laughter is found only with man. Man can break out into a laugh, for it is a positive break with the past. It is a break with matter and it is the beginning of the spirit.

Man is truly the only joker in the deck of nature. Laughter is exclusively human, because man perceives meanings. He is capable of introspection, thus seeing not only his own foibles but also those of others and, because of the contrast of his body and soul, he is capable of many incongruities.

When the past exerts a terrific pull, serious troubles in the present intensify its magnetic force. Unless you resist this powerful attraction, memory may take you captive. Seriousness is a disease.

In the old days, in every king's court, there was a balancing force. Too much wisdom can be foolish; somebody was needed who would help them to laugh. Out of seriousness you lose both proportion and perspective.

Have you ever heard of a fool who went mad? Of course not, because to be mad you need to be very serious. Fools live for the moment and know they are fools. They are not worried about what others think of them. Worry becomes a cancerous phenomenon in the mind and body. Fools live long and they have the last laugh.

Life should be a deep balancing. Then, just in the middle, you escape. The energy surges high, you start moving upward. Don't be wise, don't be a fool - be both, so you go beyond.

A joke circulated among doctors concerning the difference between the two types of mental illness: "The neurotic," it went, "builds castles in the sky. The psychotic lives in them." To which a cynic added, "And the psychiatrist collects the rent."

Laughter should dimple the cheek, not furrow the brow.

Bebe Barrett
Kensington

Utility deregulation is not the culprit

Deregulation should not be blamed for our current power shortage.

That's because we've never had deregulation. Instead, we had a "restructuring." While electricity generation was partly deregulated, other regulations and controls were placed on the rest of the system. The result is a semi-market run by a government body - the Independent System Operator.

California's "deregulation" discouraged entry into the market, restricted expansion of capacity, and sustained the old systems and rules that defy competition. It also made the approval process for repairs and upkeep much lengthier.

California's utilities were forced to get out of power generation, so it's not strange they've not built new plants.

As a result, we have several plants down at the same time. As a result, out-of-state power generators have hesitated to sign on, waiting for just the kind of situation we have now.

If anyone has heard any government proposal to get out of the way and let the market work, please let me know. I sure don't expect any.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

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Forget Generation Y, we're approaching the time of Generation 'Why not?'

"To some generations, much is expected. To other generations, much is expected. This generation has a rendezvous with destiny."
— Franklin D. Roosevelt

Have you noticed how nice kids are these days? I swear, I can't go into a supermarket without some teenage clerk telling me "sir." I've also noticed the change over the last couple of years while interviewing high school seniors applying for admission to my alma mater: They're more upbeat, more focused, and much less cynical than their earlier counterparts.

The trend is even more noticeable in younger children. They play together so cooperatively, and they're so considerate of each other's feelings.

They don't even look like kids used to look, even a few years ago. They are the grunge outfits and the bright-colored togs. They look like what used to be called "American kids," which is exactly what they are.

Meet the Millennials. You may not know it, but these kids are going to save the world.

Don't call them Generation Y. That implies they're just a continuation of Generation X, and nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, they're the exact opposite. GenXers are individualists; Millennials are team players.

GenXers are "get real" pessimists. Millennials are "can-do" optimists.

GenXers embrace our decadent culture; Millennials are grossed out.

GenXers wear their "badness" as a badge of pride; Millennials



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Snapp Shots

want to be "good."

Think of it as the difference between Nirvana and Hanson, between Tonya Harding and Tara Lipinski, between Bart and Lisa Simpson, and between Michael J. Fox's character in "Family Ties" and Frankie Muniz's character in "Malcolm In The Middle."

So if they're not like Generation X, who are they like?

Look at their defining characteristics: upbeat, focused, "can-do" team players who try to do the right thing. Who does that remind you of?

The G.I.s, of course. The same generation that Gen. George C. Marshall called "the best damn kids in the world" in 1940, who were called "The Best and Brightest" in the 1960s, and who are now, in their old age, being called "The Greatest Generation."

If you look behind all the praises that we've been heaping on the G.I.s over the past few years, from Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks to Stephen Ambrose and Tom Brokaw, you'll detect a note of melancholy. Even as we honor them, we're wringing our hands and worrying about how we're going to make it when we don't have "the grownups" around any more.

Well, worry no longer. Right underneath our noses is another heroic generation, one that will remake the world in the 21st Century as much as the G.I.s did in the

20th.

That's the message of a remarkable new book called "Millennials Rising: The Next Great Generation," by Neil Howe and William Strauss. They've been studying generational changes for a long time, and their research has convinced them that there's a grand pattern to American history, which produces a heroic generation every four generations.

Now, I'm a reporter by vocation and a skeptic by avocation; so I'm the last one to buy into some wacky theory of history. But the overwhelming evidence of their research has convinced me that these guys are on to something.

I've felt this way ever since 1990, when I read their first book "Generations." If you look on the back of the paperback edition, you'll see three blurbs. One is from Newt Gingrich, one is from Al Gore, and the third is from me. I wrote, "Generations will transform the way we see the world as much as Darwin's 'Origin of Species.'" And nothing that has happened since has caused me to change my mind.

Back then, they predicted that the American people, appalled at what they'd produced in Generation X, would make damn sure the same thing didn't happen to the next generation.

Back then, they predicted that Boomers would launch a decade of culture wars that would fragment society.

They even predicted that Boomer leaders, ignoring their own experience with Vietnam, would blithely send young men and women off to fight in wars all over the world (can you say

Kosovo, boys and girls?) whenever they thought a question of morality was at stake.

They also said Boomers would push for school uniforms, something Boomers would have never tolerated in their own childhood.

And lo, it has all come to pass. I can't tell you the number of times during the past 10 years when I've seen something bizarre on the news and thought to myself, "Wow! Just like Bill and Neil predicted!"

So what's making the Millennials the way they are? It's the old computer principle: Garbage in, garbage out.

The GenXers came along just as society was entering its most anti-child mood. The tax revolt spurred by Prop. 13 was slashing funding for public schools. Their parents were off somewhere "finding themselves," leaving the kids to be latchkey children.

Back then, if you wheeled a baby stroller through the mall, you were likely to be accosted by self-righteous Boomers snarling, "Don't you know there's a population explosion?"

Even the movies reflected the mood: "Rosemary's Baby," "The Exorcist," "The Omen," "Children of The Damned" — monster babies, all.

Compare that to the royal treatment today's "Baby On Board" kids are getting. Far from being latchkey kids, their every moment is carefully monitored by parents who are only too happy to schlep them from karate lessons to soccer practice to "play dates."

If you wheel a stroller through a mall these days, you're more likely to be approached by strangers coo-

ing, "What a beautiful baby!"

And what have been the most popular movies about children recently? "Home Alone," "Parent-hood," "Three Men And A Baby," "Honey, I Shrunk The Kids," — hero babies, all.

Back then, most parenting books advised parents to pursue their own interests, and they were dedicated to the authors' spouses, friends or significant others.

Nowdays, the overwhelming majority of parenting books advise putting the kids' interests first. And, yes, they're all dedicated to the authors' children.

And all a politician has to do these days to get popular support for a proposal is to say, "It's for the kids."

No wonder they're growing up to be such world-beaters. Yes, their bubblegum culture — Britney Spears, 'N'Sync, et al. — might seem a little corny to our ears. But hey, so were the G.I.s, who marched off to World War II singing "Maisy Doats" and "The Hut-Sut Song." After two generations of Boomer angst and GenX alienation, a little corniness doesn't sound so bad.

That's the good news: We are molding a generation of heroes. Now here's the bad news: We're going to need them.

You see, Howe and Strauss have also discovered that just as generational patterns keep coming around over and over, so do major crises.

I'm talking about American Revolution/Civil War/Great Depression-World War II type crises. And they predict the next one will come to a head around 2015.

What will that crisis be? It could

be military, it could be economic, it could even be environmental. Whatever it is, the Millennials will solve it — if we do our job of raising them right, and if we do our best not to mess things up so badly in the meantime that even they can't fix it.

Howe and Strauss make some other predictions. Among them: Get ready for a new Golden Age of sports, as the first wave of Millennial athletes start reaching their 20s. And say goodbye to trash talk and end zone celebrations; these kids are going to have much better manners than the Mike Tyson, John Rockers and Allen Iversons who typify GenX jocks.

But I don't want to spoil your fun. Do yourself a favor and read "Millennials Rising." If you've been getting bummed out, as I have, by the selfishness, self-righteousness and vituperation of the Bush-Gore post-election battles, this is the perfect antidote. It'll make you feel much better about the future.

It'll also make you look differently at your own kid.

You'll be like a traditional Jewish mother who looks at her child and wonders, "Could you be The One? Are you the Messiah we've been waiting for?"

The answer is: They all are.

"Mm-hmm, soda pop bop. . .

The clock is tickin', an' we can't stop."

— Britney Spears

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Food and travel resolutions for the new year

My wife came up with an absolutely inspired New Year's resolution. Every day, she composes haiku, a Japanese lyric poem. It's such a praiseworthy pursuit, I, too, pen one of these ditties daily.

Consisting of three lines of five, even five syllables, this exercise is like a multipurpose vitamin for the mind and spirit. It also got me thinking about resolutions.

Usually, I enter a new year giving no attention to this particular tradition. But now that I signed on for one so challenging commitment, why stop? So here are some resolutions dealing with the pleasurable world of food and travel in 2001:

I doubt seriously whether the airline industry can get its act in order for 2001. However I can. I hereby resolve that, when headed to the airport, I will bring along an extra quart of high-strength patience to see me through any situation. I will keep in mind whatever ails this problem-plagued industry is the not the fault of the people I will be dealing with. I will say aloud before entering the airport, "Reflect, don't react." I will report on the success of this at year's end.

Here's a resolution that actually has been in the works for several months. However, what better time to make it into effect. Dissatisfied with far too many dining experiences in so-called "chic and trendy" restaurants which feature a "celebrity" chef, condescending service and outrageous prices, Mary Ann and I will now seek out the lesser known eateries in the area.

The choice of restaurant will be made with the reservation process. If they take my name, phone number and tell me they are looking forward to seeing us, we have a date. We will be there on time and, if something comes up, I will make sure to cancel the reservation. If, however, the "reservationist" asks that I call back 24 hours before dining to "confirm" the reservation (they are more than



MIKE CLEARY

The Food and Travel Enthusiast

welcome to call me), demands a credit card number or asks me to fax them relevant billing information with a promise to give them half the royalties from my first bestseller, the affair is definitely off.

There are far, far too many restaurants in Northern California that offer up fine food, engaging service and a comfortable atmosphere. They need to be patronized. If you have some suggestions, I'd love to hear about them. Here's one from me: Spetro's (510-465-8320) on Lakeshore in Oakland. It's extremely casual, always bustling and features an eclectic menu that never fails to please. The prices are moderate and

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there's no corkage. It is, though, a very busy restaurant. We go early.

My final resolution deals with tackling too new recreational activities. Sorry to disappoint because they would make terrific column material, but climbing Mount Everest and posting record times in the Iron Man Triathlon aren't in the cards just yet.

Mary Ann and I are interested in wanting to know more about bicycling and kayaking. So, this serves as a warning to Bikeman in Sonoma (888-525-0453) that we are headed your way for some trial wine country runs.

situation.

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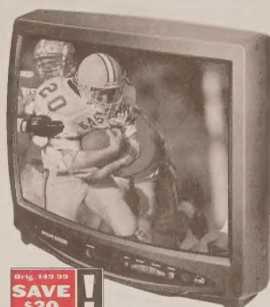
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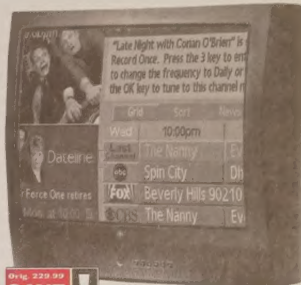
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WEST COUNTY SCHOOL WATCH

Hercules secession vote is ill-timed and counterproductive

Last Nov. 7, voters in Hercules voted by a 74 percent margin to approve Measure M, the school district's bond measure to rebuild and renovate elementary schools.

So it came as quite a shock when a little over a month later, on Dec. 12, the Hercules City Council, with three members present, voted to place an advisory measure (Measure G) on a special March election ballot querying the electorate as to whether they would like to secede from the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

The move has far-reaching implications, not only for the citizens of Hercules, but for residents of the entire WCCUSD.

I would certainly applaud the City Council for seeking input from citizens. One would hope, however, that such input would be made on the basis of informed analysis. As presented, Measure G lacks any financial, legal or educational analysis of the impacts of secession to the community.

The practical arguments against and unanswered questions regarding secession are many. How, for example, would secession affect the recently passed Measure M and the plans to replace two Hercules elementary schools? What portion of the district's debt to the state would the new district carry? What relationship would the new district have with existing labor organizations?

Secession is an expensive and drawn out process requiring extensive investments of staff time and financial resources. In a best-case timeframe, we are probably looking at three to five years before all of the necessary approvals would be in place. Would major initiatives, like replacing Ohlone and Hercules elementary schools go on hold during that time?

Speaking for the school district, I know we don't have spare resources to invest in the legal and administrative work involved.

In fact, I have held off writing this column since Dec. 12 because of my own anger that we now must divert

precious energy and time to a secession discussion that is ill-timed and has little chance of improving the quality of education for students. I am deeply disappointed that instead of looking to the future we must engage in a futile discussion around secession.

As experiences in John Swett, Emeryville, and other locations will attest, there is absolutely no evidence that a smaller district will provide a higher quality education to students. In fact, it is becoming increasingly difficult for small districts to provide all of the many services required of 21st century school districts.

The optimist in me says that the secession vote, because it is advisory in nature, now provides an opportunity for dialogue. So, I am hoping that we can use the opportunity of our schools being in the limelight to engage in a much-needed dialogue regarding their future and how our community can unite around them.

We all know that the district is not perfect. We have made many mistakes and we have a long way to go before we have the kinds of schools we all want for our children.

But let's also acknowledge the strides we have taken together. Hercules Middle High School is over 70 percent complete and on track for opening this fall. The recently passed Measure M will provide funding for major improvements in our elementary schools. Recent legislation has reduced the impact of the state debt owed by the district. Test scores have improved. Significant raises were recently provided to all district teachers and employees.

As mentioned, this coming fall, the new and long-awaited Hercules Middle High School will open. As many will recall, the struggle to receive full state funding for the school was a difficult one that was ultimately won by parents, teachers, district administrators, elected officials, and community members working together to lobby the state for the necessary funds. While many Her-

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Nepal

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lished in 1996 by a husband-wife team who traveled to Nepal and were shocked by the poor health conditions. Nepal, the fourth poorest country in the world, has an extremely high infant mortality rate (20 percent) and an average life expectancy of only 57 years. ANAH's first endeavor focused on public health measures to slow the spread of AIDS. Now the program provides more comprehensive medical services, including surgery, orthopedics, internal medicine and women's health care at their three base camps in Nepal. The April, 2001 team will consist of: surgeons, pediatricians, physician assistants, nurses and several medical residents from all parts of the U.S.

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By Kay Weinstein

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Jan. 16, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS

Jan. 18, Parent meeting with Diane Levitan of The Languages Group regarding language enrichment programs, 7 p.m., AHS Library

Jan. 24, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Library

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Cornell Elementary School

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Marin Elementary School

ALBANY PTA NEWS

Jan. 26, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room

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AUSD Board of Education

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AUSD Calendar

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Feb. 5, Council meeting, 7:00pm in the faculty room at Pinole Middle School, 1575 Mann St., Pinole.

Adams Middle School

Join Adams PTA. Membership fee is only \$6. Checks can be payable to "Adams PTA". Mail to Adams PTA, 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805. Please indicate each member's name and the student's name. Our membership drive has been expanded this year to include not only parents but students, siblings, relatives, community members, staff, teachers, and alumni.

Yearbooks are on sale for \$25 in the main office. Students may purchase them during their lunch period or after school. Make checks payable to Adams Middle School.

Fundraisers: Adams is enrolled

in the eScrip program (ID#4654695) and Target Guest Card program. We expect Albertson Community Partner cards in the next few weeks. The music department is also participating in the Pepsi Notes program which runs from November until Jan. 7.

PTA Voice Message Line is 510-464-1360, ext. 70. Call this number to hear about upcoming events, Academy updates, minimum day schedules and special dates.

PTA e-mail - Weekly PTA bulletins are being sent. If interested, please send your e-mail address to Connie Chan Kucera at cchan2429@aol.com

Castro Elementary

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Jan. 12 and 13, Dance Production Performance, 8 p.m., Contra Costa College Theater. Admission at the door.

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Portola Middle School

Jan. 30, Music committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. and PTA meeting, 7:15 p.m. in the library.

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Nancy Toombs, Attn: Portola PTSA, 8188 Terrace Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

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WCCUSD Calendar

Jan 15, HOLIDAY - no school for all students.

Jan 29, No school for middle and high school students - second work day.

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Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

the early 1980s she began teaching publicly.

True to her usual practice, Bett Martinez shared her discovery with others. With her partner, Judith Nychay, an occupational therapist, she started teaching Qigong in places where elders live and congregate. Since Nychay left the area, Martinez' partner has been Peggy Dey.

Now, in addition to a class they teach at the Richmond Senior Center, the two teach classes at the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center in Oakland. Bett Lujan Martinez is the Executive Director of The Possible Society of California and Principal of the Well-Being Group there. The center is funded by Soroptimists International, which has now given Martinez and Dey a grant to make a video about the exercises.

They are very excited about the video. It will be available to the students in their classes, to enable them to practice at home the movements they learn in class. It is also possible that it will be made available to members of the public who learn of Qigong and desire to learn on their own.

In the video, Bett does the movements, which students can

follow. They then have a segment where they show and explain the movements more slowly, and show how people in wheel chairs or on walkers can take part in it. They stress that, although many people will practice it daily alone, it is desirable to do the exercise with others so that a sense of community prevails as you practice. That is why, in China each morning, millions of people gather in parks to perform the graceful flowing movements.

Bett brought me a copy of the still-unfinished video, which I found fascinating. I had gone to one class at the Richmond Senior Center, and found, at the end of the class, that I really had more energy than I'd had upon arrival. Doing the exercises with Bett on the video has given me that same feeling, and it is a good one.

But one expects that from anything Bett Martinez is involved in. In spite of her illness and other problems, she has continued to build her life. I have a copy of the newsletter put out by Golden Gate University, "Step Ahead". In it is an article about Bett Martinez. The first paragraph explains it:

"If anyone has put the theory of upgrading skills to the test, it's Bett Martinez. After years of working in the health field—first in health information resources and then consulting in the area of integrative health practices—Bett took

time to re-evaluate her life's goals. She took stock of her talents, achievements and skills, and decided that an overhaul might be just what she needed to make her life fit into a career path she could love."

It tells of her studying the universities in the Bay Area to find the one that would give her the flexibility to choose the classes she needed and enable her to work full time while she attended the school. Of her working with professors to find just the classes she wanted. "I believe higher education should support the procedure of redefining yourself, and Golden Gate does that."

This is the Bett Martinez who is so passionate about Qigong, who is so excited about the new video and so eager to bring it to everyone who can be helped by it.

And, she says, it is wonderful working with the people at Easter Seals and with the Soroptimists, who fund it all. The class at the Richmond Senior Center is an added bonus.

I have enjoyed working with Bett on this (yes, her name is Betty but she has never been called anything but Bett). Please, all of you, give me your ideas of interesting people for this column. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 525-4585. My email is now crgenser@sinewave.com

EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

San Pablo Ave. bus stop upgrades planned

San Pablo Avenue will soon be more bus-friendly. As part of the San Pablo Corridor Project, the cities of El Cerrito, San Pablo and Richmond are working with the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee to upgrade bus stops along the avenue.

"In El Cerrito, the bus stop on the northeast corner of San Pablo Avenue and Moeser Lane will be upgraded to a "type A" transit stop," said Steve Mitchell, acting community development manager in a report to the City Council last week.

Mitchell said the stop will include a bus shelter, seating, bus service map, information kiosk, trash receptacle, lighting, landscaping and a distinctive pavement treatment.

Richmond will get a new "type A" bus stop at the southwest corner of San Pablo and MacDonald avenues near Angelo's Delicatessen. The city of San Pablo's new "type A" stop will be at San Pablo Avenue and San Pablo Dam Road just south of the Casino San Pablo.

"Other existing bus stops along San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito will also receive less intensive improvements," Mitchell said. The 13 bus stops identified along San Pablo Avenue northbound service direction and the 15 bus stops in the southbound direction will all have new metal benches, trash receptacles and signs, Mitchell added.

Management pay raises approved by council

Last week the City Council ap-

proved a 3 percent cost-of-living salary increase for city management employees. The raises are effective from Dec. 1, 2000 and the position of economic development manager will be added to the list of management employees.

Management employees agreed to the council's request to move the 8 percent deferred compensation currently paid to regular salary. Reimbursement for work-related education was increased from \$500 to \$1,000 per calendar year.

CCCT sets auditions for 'Sound of Music'

EL CERRITO — Contra Costa Civic Theatre will hold auditions for its spring musical, the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic "The Sound of Music," at 7 p.m. on Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 22-23. The production is directed by Ned Kopp.

There are parts for six adult men and 11 adult women. There are eight roles for children and teens who should look in the age range of 5-18 years old. Children are asked to come Jan. 22.

Participants should prepare a short song that is not from the show and come dressed to move. Bring sheet music in your key; an accompanist will be provided and tapes are OK. No appointments are necessary; callbacks will be Jan. 24. The production is non-Equity and there is no pay. The production staff includes Joanne Gabel, music director, and choreographer Maryse Young.

Auditions are at the theater, 951 Pomona Ave. at the corner of Moeser Lane. "The Sound of Music" runs weekends from April 13-May 26. For information call 415-467-1817.

Dining & Entertainment

AN ADVERTISING FEATURE

Vegetarian dining offers more choices

Michael Aspell
don't that long ago that ordering
burger in a steakhouse would
draw a laugh from the waiter,
perhaps even a tirade from the
waitress. You're likely to find a
burger on the menu right above
vegetarian dining has
become conventional.

proscribed to college campuses
in urban neighborhoods, the
restaurant is no longer an

oddity, and diners' attitudes about the fare are changing quickly. Vegetarian used to mean good for you, but not necessarily as satisfying as the taste bud-pleasing stuff you eat at fast-food places. But the new vegan cooking can offer as much flavor as any meat-based menus.

There are a number of ethnic cuisines that rely solely or primarily on meatless dishes, by way of either choice or the availability of foods in

their region. An abundance of Indian food is meatless and can dazzle the palate with flavors. Indian cookery makes liberal use of lentils, yogurts and rice spiced up with curries, ginger, honey and tamarind. In most metropolitan areas, African restaurants can also be found where you can try such vegan delicacies as pumpkin soup and sweet yam pudding.

East Asian restaurants, of course, will generally please the vegetarian diner. Japanese chefs will prepare vegetables in light tempura (rice flour) batters, to be fried crisp and dipped in soy sauce. Chinese restaurants provide many stir-fried rice and vegetable dishes, and their Thai counterparts serve fabulous hot-and-sour soups with mushrooms, radish and tofu.

If some of the ethnic foods are a bit too spicy for your taste, fear not, as a truly American style of vegetarian cooking is emerging. Today's vegan diner has the essential well-stocked salad bar and usually a fine selection of breads and wholesome soups. But

expect to see burgers and even barbecue made from soy products, with flavors that will convince even an ardent carnivore.

In some areas, however, vegetarian dining may still be scarce. In order to find a meatless meal in a standard restaurant, a few easy steps will help avoid frustration.

Most eateries have a pasta dish or two on their menu; if it is served with meat, ask that it be prepared instead with olive oil or butter, and ask that some of your favorite veggies be added. This is especially helpful for children who don't like meatballs.

If you're a strict vegan, ask your server if dishes are prepared with chicken or beef stock. Many dishes that appear meatless, such as vegetable soups, are prepared with stocks for added flavor.

Most importantly, don't expect a busy restaurant to be able to prepare a full vegetable-only entrée for you or your guests if one is not on their regular menu. It's wise to call in advance and ask what is available, and make arrangements to avoid a "chef's surprise."

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Berkeley 1900

By Richard Schwartz

It is a new year. It's time to be looking forward to our plans for the year for ourselves and our city. The old timers obviously did the same thing. One hundred years ago in Berkeley the town was growing so fast, one resident who returned in 1900 after 12 years away recognized only the Odd Fellows building. All the rest of this gleaming city was new and startling to him. Residential and commercial development had transformed the "scraggling country village" into a bustling new city with an "enterprising spirit."

There were all kinds of new ideas and plans, even including very novel ones for those new things called automobiles. Plumbing was becoming a new requirement and cows were being regulated. While those automobiles began a very rocky ascent into town life, horses and cows began their troubled past into the city's history. Electricity and its new wonder child, the telephone, were all changing things here forever. Berkeleyites of old would no longer bring their lanterns in the morning and hang them on a nail at the train station to pick up that night so they could find their way home.

As things changed "forever" here in Berkeley we would do well to remember that we are the children of all that explosive and magical change. And we are the poorer for the loss of our whales, bears, antelope,

condors, foxes, snakes and all the real places that once "grew" in the land we now call Berkeley. Don't forget them. Don't forget any of this whole because they too were home here then as we are now. And don't think the old-timers are just old-timers, either. They were the "us" that we are now. They felt as modern in a new world as we now do.

And with that, I am saying goodbye as well. Chris Treadway of the Voice was kind enough to provide this space in the Voice, the child of the old Berkeley Gazette, to share these articles from the book "Berkeley 1900" for this time. I want to thank Chris for all his help, time, camaraderie and for this taste of newspaper life. And I want to thank everyone for the joy of being able to share these stories which otherwise might have fallen into oblivion. It has been a real pleasure for me doing this and meeting so many new fellow Berkeleyites. Happy New Year everyone and the best to you all.

Richard Schwartz's new book, "Berkeley 1900, Daily Life at the Turn of the Century," a snapshot of daily life 100 years ago as described in the pages of the Berkeley Daily Gazette, is available at Berkeley bookstores. His first book, "The Circle of Stones, An Investigation of the Circle of Stones in Stampede Valley, Sierra County, California," is also available at many Berkeley bookstores.

BERKELEY'S GROWTH.

Startling Changes for the Better
Observed by a Former Resident.

Magic Transformation Wrought* by the
Spirit of Modern Enterprise Within
a Dozen Years.

C. H. McLanthen, a former well-known and popular Berkeley real estate dealer who left here in 1888 for New Mexico, has returned hither with his family for permanent residence, satisfied that nowhere else in all the broad land can be found a city possessing so many great advantages to the home-seeker.

Mr. McLanthen was simply amazed at the changes for the better which had been effected for physical Berkeley during the past twelve years. He says that when he alighted at the Berkeley station, the only edifice which at first glance he recognized as a familiar of the older days was the Odd Fellows' building, and he could hardly believe his eyes as he gazed upon the large and substantial new business blocks which have been erected during the past few years. Later, he was no less surprised, on looking over the residence portions of the town, to see the immense number of new homes and the admirable character of the residences recently erected.

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"The drawbacks were more in evidence than they are now, and it was a well-nigh impossible thing to work up the public sentiment in favor of improvements. I well remember what a time we had before we could get a vote which should authorize the laying of the Dwight sewer. It took several elections to settle the matter, and the so-called crazy scheme was met by fierce indignation from the 'conservative' men, some of whom declared that there would never be in all Berkeley enough people to warrant the expense of laying that one sewer—that a sewer system in Berkeley was not needed, and that it never would be a necessity, and all that sort of rot."

"I am delighted to find that a more enterprising spirit obtains at the present day—and that it has for some years past, as the public improvements of the town so emphatically attest. The money paid out by Berkeley in street improvements

AUTOMOBILE INSANITY.

Take a sane man and give him an automobile and in the majority of cases he becomes a reckless demon who will not only endanger his own life but the lives of others.

There are some staid people who can become the owners of automobiles and drive them at a moderate rate of speed and have due regard for life. The auto-owners in Berkeley are, we are pleased to say, sensible and careful. There are many sane drivers, but there are many insane ones and these are the class under discussion.

Every day the dispatches contain accounts of deaths and accidents by the reckless use of autos. Prominent men, millionaires and business men, are being killed off. These accidents are all due to reckless driving. When a machine is driven with care and at moderate speed there is no danger.

But the autist grasps the lever, he feels the thrill of power as the machine darts forward, he goes faster and faster, he fairly flies along in a desire to beat a record, he has lost his reason, he is a maniac.

Suppose an inmate of Napa should get in an auto and proceed to lower the record between San Francisco and Los Angeles. What of it? Nothing. That would be the correct thing for the legally adjudged insane man to do. But what of the man outside the insane asylum? What of the man supposed to be sane who does these things?

It is certainly a strange thing that men will sacrifice their lives in an attempt to lower a record or merely go fast.

Would it not be well for the officers to bring a few of these mad autists before the lunacy commission and have them committed to the State institutions until they recover from their wild hallucinations?

There is another phase of the question and that is the danger to the lives of others. The mad autist drives his car along at reckless speed without regard to others.

In some places in the east the country people have become so incensed that they line up along the roads when autists are expected and pelt them with stones.

In Marin county the people are aroused over the outrageous action of

the automobile men in trying to run over mountainous roads in violation of the county ordinance. In Napa county there is a fight on between the people and the auto owners. The people on the roads south of Oakland in this county are so angry at the automen that they will not sell them gasoline for their machines.

All over California and for that matter all of the country there is a popular uprising against the mad autist.

The man who recently lowered the record between San Francisco and Los Angeles to some twenty-one hours should be a subject of one of our great state institutions. If the lunacy commission find him sane, the criminal courts should attend to his case. This man with extraordinary recklessness ran through San Jose and other cities at a rate of speed that endangered human life.

To Revive An Old Industry.

San Francisco parties have purchased the old Stewart tannery, in West Berkeley, and are preparing to start brick work in the way of tanning hides and finishing leather at this one-time busy but long deserted old plant. This will make another good industry for the West end, and it is one of several which have recently started up. On the whole, prospects seem bright for West Berkeley's future as a manufacturing district.



TWO EARLY Berkeley automobiles rigged up for a spirited ride on the city's dirt roads.

Hello, North Five!

General Changes in Telephone System Tomorrow.

Very important changes are made in the telephone system of Berkeley and elsewhere, to take effect tomorrow, the 25th. There seems to be no reason for the change, as will be noted by the following announcement of the company:

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Alameda: Main to South; Red to Grant; Black to Park; Oak to Eagle; Park to Union." There are also a few changes in East Oakland on individual and party lines.

Now you will get your "hello" all mixed up for the next year to come—also your temper. There is, as stated before, some reason for this change, but it is rather insignificant in comparison with the trouble and expense these changes will cause.



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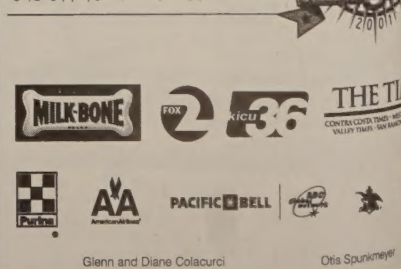
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EDITORIAL COLUMN

(Friend Wm. Richardson, Editor.)

AUTO-MANIA.

Some time ago the Gazette called attention to the growth and spread of that dread disease auto-mania.

We showed how the average sane man when he placed his hand on the power lever of the automobile frequently became a maniac who would endanger his own life and the lives of others.

There has been quite a little complaint in Berkeley on account of the reckless driving of automobiles. The local drivers show much caution but the drivers who come over from Oakland and San Francisco seem to have no regard for human life. There have been a number of narrow escapes of little children on Telegraph avenue. This is a broad street and the insane autists come flying up the street at a mile-a-minute clip.

The town should pass an ordinance bringing these crazy individuals to time.

The secretary of the state organization of automobilists has written to the county and city authorities all over the State and ask them to strictly enforce the laws against fast driving on the public highways.

The automen have found out that public sentiment has reached such a pitch of indignation that all autists are suffering for the sins of the few.

We are glad to see that the automobile men have taken such a wise stand.

The auto in the hands of a safe and sane driver is a thing of comfort and pleasure. Let the reckless and insane driver be punished and it will be for the good of automobilism and the general public.

Interesting Innovation.

Movement on Foot to Provide Berkeley With an Automobile Service.

That the spirit of progress is in the air in Berkeley is a fact easily discernable even to the casual observer. Improvements of many kinds are in contemplation, and many of them have lately been put into operation in different features of life in this beautiful town.

One of the former projects is a proposition which has long been under consideration for the equipment and operation of an automobile service for the Berkeley public and there appears to be every probability that Berkeley will be one of the first places on the Pacific coast to be supplied with this up-to-date mode of passenger traffic.

A mining man who is a resident of Berkeley, and who, for obvious reasons, desires that his name be withheld for the present, is the prime mover in this enterprise. Associated with him are several other capitalists, and the intention is to start the service with at least three or four automobiles, each with a carrying capacity of eight or ten people, besides the driver, and to increase the equipment as the patronage may warrant.

The rapidly-moving vehicles are intended to cover any desired route within the town limits, and it is the expectation to make the maximum fare ten cents. On the shorter trips only five cents will be charged, and at these very low rates it is thought that the flying wagons will be kept very busy by an appreciative public. It is hoped to be able to inaugurate this new movement during the coming spring, and the only thing which can delay the matter is the rush of orders under which all the automobile manufacturers of the country are now struggling. The parties interested have definitely decided to move in the matter and the money is all ready to put the undertaking on its feet in excellent shape.

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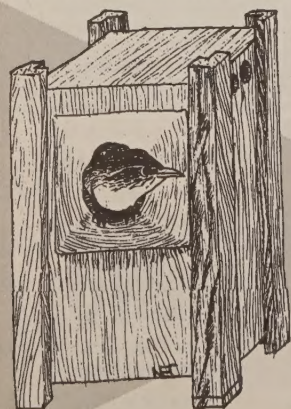
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Dogs with attitudes

Does your dog take on an attitude with other dogs? If so, Dogs With An Attitude (DWA) is the class for you and your dog. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is please to offer DWA on Saturdays as well as Thursday evenings this year. If you think your dog qualifies and you would like to try this behavior modification class, please call Nancy Frenley at (510) 845-7735, extension 22. Please allow two to four days for a return call. Visit the website at www.behumane.org.

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Allen A. Cesafsky

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Jewel

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no longer plays. Her front stoop is lined with rows of plants, indicating her passion away from work.

In the next room hangs a replica of a sign at a World War II memorial on Solano Avenue and Key Route in remembrance of veterans killed in the war. Her brother, Taka Nishi, is one of the names on the list.

The soft-spoken Okawachi offers little insight during an interview into what has prompted her to volunteer in so many different groups.

If asked whether there has been any project that impassioned her more than the rest, she will say they

all interested her equally.

In part, her involvement has relieved stress caused by her career. She does point to a focus she has had on education — which may be apropos, as her own high school experience was interrupted by the war.

Ironically, while her brother was fighting in an all-Japanese-American infantry battalion, she was carted off in the eighth grade and interned with her parents by the government as a security risk to the U.S.

"Albany was not diverse at all before the war," she said, recalling the three Asian families and one black family that lived there in the late 1940s.

Still, she claims her experience as an Asian has little to do with her

political involvement today.

Efforts she has supported in recent years include Cafe Eclectica, APAL and the high school's Busta-move dance program, and several educational bond measures.

Currently, her chief concerns is youth, especially given the ongoing construction at several area schools.

"Certainly, at the high school there's a lack of anything to do," she said.

When Okawachi ran unsuccessfully for school board in 1996, she offered herself as a liaison between the City Council and the board, two bodies which have been said to have less than stellar communication with one another.

Now, she hopes to do the same, but from the other side.

School district Job Shadow program needs participants

People in the workplace have the opportunity to show tomorrow's workforce what different vocations are like by participating in the local version of the National Groundhog Job Shadow Day/Month.

Job shadowing gives young people, living in the West Contra Costa

County, the chance to learn about the world of work by spending part of a day in the workplace. They get a first-hand look at what a "real job" is like and how the skills they learn in school will be put into action in the workplace.

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students from the West Contra Costa Unified School District. They spend time with them at their job for the recommended four hours on the school campus. To sign up, send an e-mail to Tmartinez@wccusd.k12.ca.us or call 510-307-5337.

Award

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Rules

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ticularly in a booming real estate market," Stern noted.

The council's approval now means that additional evidence of owner spite or depreciating property values is not required. "This ordinance declares that a violation of the maintenance standards contained in the ordinance constitutes a public nuisance," Stern said.

The city will be able to perform exterior improvements to the property

comradery, or taking part in campaigns that are meaningful to them. A big one recently was Buzz the Fuzz, in which officers each raised \$1,000 for a cancer charity.

Having launched a career at Silicon Valley Group Tinsley Division, a local optics company, the days Bickham dreamed of being a paid police officer are in the past.

and recover costs by adding a lien to the property that would be collected as part of the property tax bill. "This ordinance should provide some assistance to neighborhoods with vacant structures in regards to the exterior condition of those structures," Stern pointed out.

Additionally, the council approved a change in city ordinance to provide a clear-cut procedure for the handling of substandard buildings and broaden the scope of what constitutes a public nuisance in El Cerrito.

"It's something we've been asking for a long time and I think the activity shown by the Rosalind (Av-

enue) neighborhood in bringing model ordinances before us really took it over the top and got it done," said Mayor Larry Damon about the revisions.

Rosalind Avenue resident Kenneth Parks attended this week's council meeting and was encouraged by the new city laws. "We've worked a long time to get this through," Parks said. He said residents in the neighborhood have complained for years about an unkempt and empty Rosalind Avenue property. "We have 19 houses in the block and everybody keeps their property up except the one house in question."

Talks

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Brusatori also said there is a "finite number of volunteers" and people willing to donate money. "When you have so many things grouped in a particular year, then you're going to have more difficulty in finding people to do things," she said.

Brusatori said one reason the school board is considering going to even-year elections may be because it wants to put a bond measure on the November 2001 ballot. To move to even years, the board would apparently extend terms of current members by one year.

Such an action is not unprecedented, however.

In fact, most school boards in Contra Costa County have taken similar action in the past four years. Currently only five of the county's 21 school boards hold their elections in odd years, including West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Three of the five trustees are up for re-election in November. If the board votes to move elections to even years, trustees Charles Ramsey, Karen Fenton, and Glen Price will not have to run until 2002.

"They want to not be distracted with their own election in order to

put forward a bond measure for the schools. They would rather put a bond measure than run," Brusatori said. "First things first — why don't they run and then deal with the bond measure later."

Friedman said the issue of El Cerrito going to even-year elections was discussed "extremely thoroughly with a lot of citizen input" when the decision to change was made in 1999. He said it makes sense for the school board to switch to even-year elections to get a greater turnout and save costs. Friedman suggested putting the question of the El Cerrito election cycle to the voters.

"I don't believe that it's appropriate to change the rules again in the middle of the game without going back to the voters," Friedman said. "If we want to change it to an odd-year election, I say put it on the ballot and let the citizens indicate their preference rather than us flip-flopping and going back again."

Mayor Larry Damon said that it would be perceived as self-serving for the school board to extend current terms to accommodate a change to even years. "This is not the time for them to be creative with regards to the election cycle," Damon said.

Price said he was surprised by the discussion at the council meeting. "I hadn't been aware that the council was going to consider going back to

odd-year elections," Price said this week. "In fact, one of the years had been the council's to transition to an even-year election."

When asked about the possibility of the district placing a measure on the November ballot, Price said it would be unlikely. "There are people who are in doing another bond measure some point that would focus on secondary schools," Price said. "I would point, that that would come in November ballot."

Price is conducting a computer poll and said he hopes to have responded to the poll by the end of the year. "I'm overwhelmingly in favor of even-year elections."

To accommodate the even years, the City Council members elected in November 2000, Abelson and Kathleen Price, would be elected for three-year terms. "This is not the time for them to be creative with regards to the election cycle," Damon said.

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Watch

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culeans were actively involved in this effort, it also involved many from throughout the entire district because we all realized the strength that comes from unity.

As we move toward that happy day when we will open Hercules Middle High School, the community needs to be coalescing around its schools and providing the new school with the best possible launch imaginable. Let's vote against secession and vote for continuing to work together to create great schools for our kids. There are no easy answers but,

working together, we can find them.

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Tribute

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Luther King had that we live every day," Durham said. "We live as pieces of history each and every day."

"The first two years that we celebrated this, we did it in protest," Durham recalled. "The city of El Cerrito did not recognize Martin Luther King's holiday. We've come a long ways . . . for the first two years of the Martin Luther King celebration in the city of El Cerrito we went the back roads and in protest with Judge Charles Wilson," she added. Durham said the celebrants are now very proud to have the support of the city.

Former member and chairwoman of the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission Barbara Davis said there has been some criticism this year that the celebration is too "African American" and not inclusive enough, but parade and rally backers say this is not so.

"There are certain folk who want us to change it and make it more inclusive of all races — and I don't feel that we have done the opposite in these 12 years," said Barbara Davis, El Cerrito resident and former member and chairwoman of the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission. Davis emphasized she was speaking for herself only, not as a representative of any organization.

"If you look at the make-up of who attends the rally and who is in the parade, I mean how much more inclusive can you get? I personally refuse to let the theme of the parade be changed from what Dr. King stood for and what we're all about — and we will sing our Negro national anthem," Davis said. "The few, who are in the minority in their opinion, who are saying we're making this a black thing and everybody else is left out, they're wrong. In my view they're just really wrong."

Durham said the El Cerrito High School marching band, which has participated in past King parades, is unable to be part of the celebration this year. The Kennedy High School

marching band of Richmond High School will be part of the El Cerrito parade. "We're very excited about Durham said about the marching bands."

The annual celebration sponsored by the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission, the El Cerrito Branch N.A.A.C.P. and the C.M.E. Church of El Cerrito.

Assembly for the march will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15 at the El Cerrito Department of Municipalities building on Manila Avenue. Parade participants will meet there at the Community Center, 6510 Stockton Avenue, for the rally scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

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PHOTOS BY GEORGE VERLAINE

THESE PHOTOS SHOW THE RECONFIGURED entrance to this Colonial Revival home in Alameda; before, left, and after, right. Allegrotti Constuction replaced the outside staircase with an entryway, putting the house inside. They complemented the new entryway with pillars, restored the crown and dentil moldings around the building, and painted the exterior in colors harmonious with the neighboring homes.

Alameda contractors solve housing crunch with existing stock

By Rosemary McNally
CORRESPONDENT

With a 1 percent vacancy for rentals in Alameda, we are faced with questions. What do we do with older subdivided homes that have aged into disrepair over the years? Won't be torn down? How do we manage the high demand for rentals? Two Alamedans, Mark and Bob Allegrotti, founded Allegrotti Construction in 1984, influenced, perhaps, by their Italian grandmother who struggled to buy her first place. Her father, now a retired building

contractor, watched as Mark and Bob took winding paths into the worlds of construction and real estate.

After majoring in economics in college, and working for Pacific Bell for three years, Mark decided to pick up a hammer and still tells his wife, Tracy, "Maybe someday I'll get a real job."

Bob studied history, and balances his construction work with teaching part-time at Albany High School.

Together, they are doing something with and about those older homes. Their most visible project

stands on the northwest corner of Walnut Street and Santa Clara Avenue, a well-traveled residential intersection in Alameda. They started working there last Jan. 15.

According to Bob Allegrotti, the house was built in 1906. "It's a bit of a mystery," he said. "At some point, someone put an addition onto the Santa Clara Avenue side, and then someone divided the building into three units."

Mark Allegrotti thinks that it happened during World War II. "You have to think of the economic fac-

tors that would have caused a house to be cut up like that, said Mark. "The permit history is unclear at this point, but when we bought it, the City recognized the building as three units: two legal, and one legal, non-conforming unit."

It was non-conforming because the ceiling did not conform to current height regulations. At the same time, the building had been officially recognized as three units before the passage of Measure A in 1973, so the City approved their plans for rehabilitating it as three units. Alameda's

Measure A put a stop to the demolition of Victorians (and other older homes) and the construction on any single site of more than two units. The Allegrottis described the building before they worked on it: "It was divided into one two-bedroom, one one-bedroom and a studio apartment with a lot of ground-floor storage space. The building was clearly underutilized, and had been remodeled, rather than remodeled," said Bob Allegrotti.

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Bob Allegrotti, Allegrotti Construction

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THE EXTERIOR OF ANY REMODELING JOB IS CRUCIAL as is evident in these before, above, and after, below, photos. Here the Allegrotti brothers have not only added practical features such as a new rear staircase, but have enhanced the property with a fresh coat of paint

Remodel

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First they hired a structural engineer and architect, who lifted the building 42 inches, thereby raising the ground floor's ceiling space to make the ground-floor apartment suit today's requirements.

"Safety issues are always the first concern, and we had the building seismically engineered at

Reviewing their options, Mark and Bob chose to reconfigure the Walnut Street entrance. They replaced the outside staircase with a dramatic interior staircase with a two story entry. They then added pillars, restored the crown and dentil moldings around the building, and painted the exterior in colors harmonious with the neighboring homes.

Then, after nine months of work on Oct. 15, they hung a For Rent sign, and; 15 potential ten-

ants responded that first day. The apartments were rented immediately.

A definite asset is the parking: as a corner building, the Santa Clara side has a driveway that holds four cars, and the Walnut side has both a garage and a driveway.

Throughout their term as building owners, the Allegrottis have developed friendly working relationships with their residents. When one former renter moved on and bought a home that needed work, the Allegrottis worked on it.

A friend moved into the Walnut/Santa Clara building while the Allegrottis worked on his home at

Referring to other buildings and today's rental situations, Mark Allegrotti noted, "We are positive about Section 8, a government rental subsidy program.

We have had a long-term Sec.8 renter who has lived in three of our properties." It seems everyone finds a home when the Allegrottis get involved.

These two Encinal High School grads (Bob in '72, Mark in '78) are advancing Alameda's housing situation. They've been successful on



the same time," Mark said.

Next, they dramatically changed the floor plans to fit today's lifestyles. Bob Allegrotti noted, "In our designs, we undo what is not working, and then we add space."

Today, the building has three legal conforming units: two are two-bedroom, one-bath apartments, and one is a large, two-story apartment with three bedrooms and two and a half baths.

Each apartment has a great room which combines the living room and dining area, a kitchen, and lots of natural light.

"Our team includes Clece Carry of CEC Construction, a master at staircases and finish carpentry, and Rich Fletcher, who specializes in tilework. The lighting and plumbing fixtures are as close to the original in appearance as possible," said Mark Allegrotti. In addition, they installed a common laundry room.

The exterior of a project is crucial, and the Allegrottis strove to maintain the lines of the neighboring buildings. On Walnut, there are three sister buildings, built in the Colonial Revival style.

Like many homes in Alameda, they've been individualized, with enclosed porches being enclosed, windows being moved and stairways being built.

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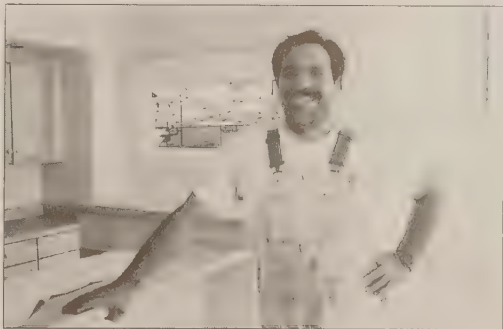
another location. And then there was the former renter in the Walnut-Santa Clara building who moved into another building the Allegrottis had already rehabbed.

several counts: improving interiors and exteriors, creating jobs for other construction workers, and providing needed housing for low-income citizens.

Of course, at the same time, they're working for themselves at something they enjoy doing.

The Allegrottis have confidence in the city, and in the real estate market. They have definitely added value to their projects and to the housing situation. Individual Alamedans can make changes and improvements to our city. The Allegrottis are doing just that.

Rosemary McNally is a Realtor with Gallagher & Lindsey in Alameda.



MARK ALLEGROTTI TEAMED UP WITH HIS BROTHER, Bob, to form Allegrotti Construction. Together they are working to change the face of Alameda's housing shortage.

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McLean, VA - In Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.07 percent, with an average cost of 1 point (1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending Jan. 5, down from last week's average of 7.13 percent.

At the beginning of last year, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.15 percent. The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has not been this low since the week ending May 7, 1999, when it averaged 7.02 percent.

The average for the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage is 6.74 percent this week, with an average cost of 1 point, down from last week's average of 6.79 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.73 percent.

This is the lowest the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage has been since the week ending May 14, 1999, when it averaged 6.71 percent.

The rate for one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 6.86 percent this week, with an average cost of 1

point. This rate is down from last week's average of 6.93 percent.

This time last year, the ARM averaged 6.60 percent.

"Mortgage rates slipped a week in response to weaker producer numbers and lower confidence," said Robert J. Der, chief economist for Freddie Mac.

"These are all signs that the economy continues to show signs of a quicker-than-expected economic slowdown.

"We think, however, that fixed-rate mortgages will rise again soon to between 7 and 7.50 percent, but the Federal Reserve's action lowering rates should filter through, lowering those rates as well.

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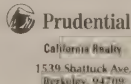
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Women flexing their home buying clout

Home ownership by female buyers is on the rise, and is making a major impact on real estate markets.

By Alan J. Heavens

Jennifer Rickard, daughter of a retired real estate broker, still can't believe how easy it was to buy her first house.

Mary Dignan bought her house in 1985, and thinks the real part of the transaction was easier over the last 15 years. Julie Meyers, who has lived in an apartment for nine years since graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, watched her friends buy houses and condos, and figured it was time to take the plunge, too.

Rickard, Dignan and Meyers are among the single women buyers who are having an enormous impact on real estate markets. In 1999, twice as many single women as single men bought houses, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Single women accounted for 18 percent of all home buyers, which means 1.17 million single women purchased homes last year.

This is up substantially from a decade ago, when 606,000 single women bought homes. In 1989, single women represented only 13 percent of home buyers, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Signers not needed

These statistics jibe with the experiences of Philadelphia area real estate agents, brokers and builders, though the percentages in that area are somewhat lower than the association's figures.

According to Prudential Fox & Roach Realtors, single women buyers made up 11.3 percent of its clients in 1999. So far in 2000, the figure is 12 percent.

"When I started selling real estate in 1978, maybe one in 25 buyers was a single female," said Joanne Davidow, vice president of Prudential Fox & Roach's Center City Philadelphia offices.

"In those days, the deck was stacked against single women buyers," she said. "The banks

would ask who was signing the loan for her — her husband or her father."

According to the Fannie Mae Foundation, only one in three women in 1972 had checking accounts in their own names.

Gary G. Schaal, vice president of sales and marketing for Orleans Homebuilders in Bensalem, Pa., has been in the new-home business since 1973.

"In the 1970s, single women had problems getting mortgages unless they were teachers with tenure or nurses," he said.

Simpler transactions

One woman was turned down because the bank said "she was of child-bearing age and might not be able to work because of it," Schaal said. "The woman was unable to have children, and only obtained the mortgage when she presented a paper from a doctor attesting to her medical situation."

Prudential Fox & Roach co-chairman Chip Roach, who sold real estate between 1966 and 1976, said the novelty of a single woman buying a house in those days "would have been something people would have talked about."

Rickard, 36, an executive with a Los Angeles software company, found these stories tough to believe.

"I was surprised by the simplicity of the transaction," Rickard said. "I did everything by telephone. You hear all the horror stories, but it was really simple."

On the other hand, Meyers, 31, found the process stressful. "It was tough logistically, having to leave work to look at houses, for instance, and there are so many things to have to take care of," Meyers said. "But my friends had gone through it, and they gave me plenty of support."

As a single mother of two buying her first house in 1985, Dignan, 54, came into the transaction unfamiliar with the process.

"I remember that the down payment was much higher than I had to come up with this time, and I didn't know anything about programs for first-time buyers or seller assists," said Dignan, who is a corporate liaison for the University of Phoenix. "It was much easier this time," said Dignan, who still owns a condo in Tucson, Ariz.

Demographic changes

Until the last decade, the real estate and residential-construction industries had almost universally focused on married buyers.

Before that, "single female buyers were usually coming out of a divorce or the death of a husband, and there wasn't enough money left," Roach said. "It made it difficult to buy a house."

But the tremendous changes in the workplace since the 1960s have given single women more financial leverage in the housing market.

According to a Fannie Mae Foundation survey in 1999, women are more likely to think of their work outside the home as careers instead of jobs.

More than half of all women are more likely to quit a job to seek a better one than were women of their mothers' generation, the survey said.

Over the last 10 years, the income gap between men and women has continued to narrow. As a result, a growing number of single women have the means to buy a home.

As young women have put off marriage and child-bearing, they have been able to accumulate the savings necessary to make the transition into home ownership.

The median age of single female buyers is 41, according to the National Association of Realtors, and 52 percent are first-time home buyers. However, 30 percent are under 35 years of age.

More income leverage

The median income of single women buyers in 1999 was \$39,700, and they purchased a home costing a median price of \$102,300 with a down payment of \$12,300, which is 12 percent.

In addition to a greater variety of financing options with low down-payment requirements, the Federal Housing Administration made two changes in its mortgage insurance program in the mid-1990s that offered big advantages to single women.

These changes allow women to count as income any child-support payments that they get, and they no longer require women to count as debt any child-care payments that they have to make. The combined impact of counting extra income and less debt made a great difference for single mothers who are looking to qualify for loans.

The single women with whom Davidow deals are, in her words, "independent career women who do their own transactions completely and with no assistance."

The situation appears slightly different in the suburbs, according to Noelle Barbone, manager of the Weichert Realtors office in West Chester, Pa.

"Many single women seem to rely a lot on the input of their families in what they decide to buy," said Barbone, who also has been selling real estate since the 1970s.

For example, if a parent believes that the price is too high, or that the house is too big, there is a good



SINGLE WOMEN BUYERS made up 18 percent of all home buyers in 1999, up from 13 percent in 1989. Homebuyer Julie Meyers, right, talks with Realtor Joanne Davidow in front of Meyers' brand new condominium.

chance that the deal will not be consummated, she said.

More city buyers

According to the National Association of Realtors, single women are more likely to buy in cities. They buy more condos and townhouses, for reasons such as not wanting to add yard chores to busy professional lives, or not being able to afford a single-family home.

Many singles prefer the cities due to cultural and social considerations. "I really wanted to live in the city, but I didn't want to pay the wage tax and I didn't want a long commute to King of Prussia," said Dignan, who bought a condo in the East Norriton area.

For Meyers and Rickard, there was no question that it would be Center City. "I take a bus and walk two blocks to work" at Graduate Hospital, said Meyers, a social worker.

In both city and suburbs, the chief

concern of single women buyers is security. In Center City, "they are looking for a secure situation," Davidow said. "This means either a high-rise condo or a house with parking attached or nearby."

In the suburbs, single women are looking for townhouses with a yard available for keeping a dog for protection, Barbone said. "They look for homeowners' associations that permit at least one dog."

All are looking for low maintenance. "All I wanted was a front door, a back door and a washer and dryer," Dignan said, "exactly what I wanted in my first house."

Fewer male buyers

Davidow and Barbone said the percentage of single male buyers has declined over the last decade. Only 9 percent of houses are purchased by single males, according to the National Association of Realtors.

In the city, however, two or three single males often form partnerships

to buy houses as investments.

The National Association of Realtors survey showed that married couples predominate in the market, accounting for 66 percent of home sales. Unmarried couples make up 6 percent of home buyers.

The share of single women who are home buyers is even larger in the entry-level market, accounting for 22 percent of purchases. Married couples make up 55 percent of first-time buyers; single men, 12 percent; and unmarried couples, 9 percent.

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We are always asked, "Where are interest rates going, up or down?" We wish that we knew the answer, but the fact is there are so many outside influences and the fact that my crystal ball has been in the shop for several years now, that we don't know exactly where the interest rates will be next week or next month.

There are some indicators that we follow daily that may help predict the trend. The following are just a few of the many that we monitor daily.

The 30-year Treasury Bond

Often called the long bond, this is considered the primary benchmark of where interest rates are today. When there is a rally in the bond market, prices for bonds go up and the yield drops. As the yield drops so do interest rates. They call this an inverse relationship.

The following factors affect the bond market.

Fear of Inflation. Throughout the month we get daily economic reports that measure how the economy is doing. Some reports have indicated that the super heated economy of the last few years is slowing. That means that fears of inflation (which is very bad for the bond market) have eased.

Greenspan speaks. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank, and often considered one of the most powerful people in the economy can send markets reeling with just one of his thoughts. He is the man who has his finger on the pulse of the economy and whose primary goal, it seems, is low inflation.

All of us in the industry hold our breath every six to eight weeks as Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee

Mortgage Madness



By
Karen
Senzig

short term and long term interest rates and monetary policy for the Federal Government. When Greenspan and his committee reduce the Fed Funds rate (what the federal government and lenders charge each other for overnight loans), as they did recently, that does not automatically reduce the prime rate (affecting consumer and commercial rates), but the lenders usually react closely behind the announcement.

Sometimes a reduction in the short term rates can actually increase long-term rates initially, since the reduction usually has investors pulling dollars out of the bond market and putting them into the stock market which can cause the bond yield to rise.

But, over the long term, mortgage rates usually will decline. People interested in mortgages don't like it when short-term interest rates rise. They hate it when long-term interest rates rise.

National and Overseas Markets. As we all witnessed on Black Monday in October 1997 when the Asian markets crashed, dragging down our own markets, bonds reacted dramatically dropping the yield at one point to an annual low of 6.06 percent (for about 15 minutes).

As our markets recovered the bond yield shot back to 6.25 percent. Again, in August 1999, the bond yield dropped all the way to

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The holidays bring news, sad and glad, about friends far and wide

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Over the holidays we received many welcome cards and notes from clients, some of whom have moved quite a distance away.

We haven't heard from Marge, for instance, since last Christmas and did not know until her card arrived that Marge's friend, Jessie, had died last January.

We are very sorry to hear this although Jessie had certainly lived a long and fulfilling life. She died three days before her 97th birthday. "Wow!" said my daughter, Annie, when I mentioned this. "Ninety-seven is old!"

We got to know Marge and Jessie a few years ago when, because Jessie was ailing, Marge decided they should move to Arizona to be near Marge's sister. The two women had lived in their little house in Oakland for almost 60 years.

Marge is a real character. We love her and miss her.

Marge felt strongly about the need to move, believing that it was the best way she could care for Jessie. Unfortunately, Marge regrets having gone. She misses Oakland and her house, and Jessie never did like it in Arizona. Over and over again, Jessie asked "When are we going home, Marge?"

Marge told us that if she'd been able to reverse things, she would have, but by then it was too late. They and all of their belongings were there and they'd bought a house (sight unseen). At least they were

Marge, even now in her late '80s, is a plucky soul. She hung in there, found doctors and care givers for Jessie, had an addition put on the house. And, with Jessie gone, she's still chugging along.

near Marge's sister and her husband, and that was a help. But shortly after the move, the sister's husband died. Then the sister became ill and was moved to a care home.

Marge, even now in her late 80s, is a plucky soul. She hung in there, found doctors and care givers for Jessie, had an addition put on the house. And, with Jessie gone now, she's still chugging along.

"I'd still rather be in Oakland," she writes. "Winter here is good. But summer is awful HOT." She misses Jessie very much but she has some friends and she is still able to drive to visit her sister. We send our best wishes to our friend.

The southwest seems to be the preferred destination for a number of our clients. With her children grown and her Berkeley house too big for her, Marge decided to sell a couple of years ago and move on to Santa Fe where she is now thriving.

We are pleased to hear from Marge fairly often, to learn that after renting for a time, she is having a house built complete with a studio space for pursuing her artistic talents. "With the house comes a huge

view of the New Mexico sky, which thrills me," Marna writes.

Marna, obviously, made the right move. When we met two years ago, our friend Roberta told us that for some years prior she had been living in New Mexico but had returned to Albany to assist her ex-husband who was seriously ill. When he died, Roberta sold the Albany house, packed up and returned to the desert. She didn't last long there though.

Lonely, she moved to Palm Springs, where her sister lives, but didn't stay there either. Next, she moved to Arizona.

Guess she's a vagabond at heart because this year's "Ride Em Cowboy" Christmas card contains this message, "Yes, I have moved again — back to my home state, back to Palm Springs. Formerly of some lost island in Arizona. And before that, Albany, California, a fine place I should never have left."

We saw what Roberta took with her when she moved from Albany. It was a lot. We can't imagine how she's managed to move it all, and herself, all those times, and can hardly wait to hear where she lands next.



By Tarpo and Tal

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When he was feeling well to drive, they rented a truck, and Boyd drove it. Patsy drove their car with for company.

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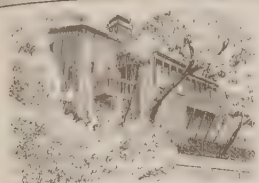
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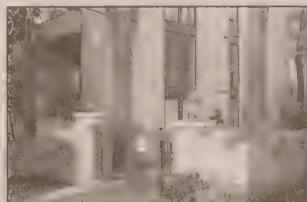
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The Woman To Woman Workshop is geared to educating women on the basic principles of homebuying. Issues and concerns dealing with women will be addressed in 'womanspeak.' The workshop includes home selection insights, demystifying the purchase process and true-life stories. Additionally, qualifying guidelines, closing costs and cost reduction techniques will be explained.

This free workshop will be held in Albany Saturday, January 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. Reservations Realty are a must. Workshop facilitators will be Realtor Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Broker Karen Ward of RE Loan Mortgage. Call the workshop Hotline at 510-718-2134.

Homebuying Seminar

Attend a free first time homebuyers seminar. Michael J. Smith & Associates Real Estate Company will present this seminar on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It will be held at their office on Foothill Boulevard in Oakland. A variety of topics will be covered, including how to buy for no money down. Register today by calling 510-430-8484. If you can't make this date, information on future seminars will be provided.

REALTOR WEB WORKSHOP

All agents and Brokers are welcome to attend the Oakland Association of Realtors' Web Marketing Workshop. This introduction to REALTOR.com will be presented on Wednesday, January 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The location will be the OAR building on Webster

Street, in Oakland. Attend this free session on how to use the Internet to your advantage and generate more active leads. Learn how to market yourself online and make sure that online buyers and sellers can find you. For reservations call 1-800-683-5324 or e-mail Reservations@Realtor.com.

ARPB INSTALLS BECTON

The Associated Real Property Brokers held its 2001 Inaugural at the Lake Merritt Hotel in Oakland. Anita Jones of Sessions Real Estate, the 2000 President passed the gavel to the 2001 President, Real Estate Broker Emma Becton of Becton & Associates. Becton will preside as the ARPB President for a two year term. To extend congratulations, Becton can be reached at 510-568-4350.

BAR HONORS PEDERSEN, MOORE

Special awards were presented by the Berkeley Association of Realtors at its annual Inaugural gala. Recipients included Terry Pedersen of Marvin Gardens Real Estate and Shawn Moore of Old Republic Title. Pedersen

Credit Worthy



By Bobbie Rehl

sen was honored as the Realtor of the Year. She has been a BAR member since 1973 and served in many positions for both local and state associations. She was the association's 1984 President and Realtor Associate of the Year in 1981. Moore, a title Marketing Representative became the Affiliate of the Year. He either chaired or was a committee member of many association events. To find out more contact BAR at 510-848-4288.

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Lafayette

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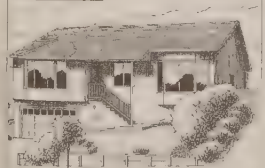
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NEW LISTING!



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 536 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 1-4:00) Sunny, 1993 contemporary three bedroom, three bath home with mostly level living. Main living area opens to level patio and yard. Kitchen overlooks back yard. Lower level has large family room, laundry room and full bath. Inside access 2-car garage. Nancy Moore x302

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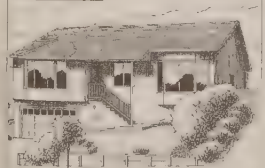
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WALNUT CREEK.....\$579,000
 311 DOWNHAM COURT (Open 1-4:00) Spacious and well maintained 4BD/2.5BA home with large yard and pool. Updated eat-in kitchen, family room & 3-car garage. Cul-de-sac location in Northgate school district. Wendy Sprague x340

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PIEDMONT.....\$2,999,000
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Family View

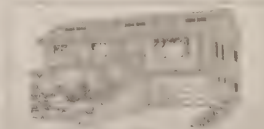
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OAKLAND HILLS.....\$759,000

Architectural Distinction - sophisticated elegant design with large expanses of glass open interior spaces, and warm wood built-ins, trim and paneling. 4+BD/3.5BA. Private setting over an acre of land in the Oakland hills. Georgia Cornell x325



MONTCLAIR.....\$649,000
 5 Bedroom/2 Bath Nancy Moore x302



MONTCLAIR.....\$639,000

This sunny 3BD/2BA brown shingled cottage has an open floor plan, great for entertaining yet cozy enough for quiet evenings by the fireplace. A sense of privacy prevails throughout. Dick Cohen x308



PIEDMONT AVENUE.....\$349,000
 2 Bedroom/1 Bath Nancy Moore x302

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 2210 Clement Ave - \$300,000
 16 Eclipse Ct - \$385,000
 993 High St - \$346,000
 1081 Island Dr - \$369,000
 155 Justin Cr - \$495,000
 624 Larchmont Isle - \$450,000
 1713 Oak St - \$359,000
 2020 Pacific Ave - \$407,000
 2120 Pacific Ave - \$530,000
 2138 Pacific Ave - \$512,000
 137 Parfait Ln - \$430,000
 1138 Peach St - \$513,000
 3422 Redhook Ln - \$348,000
 1233 Regent St - \$460,000
 2448 Roosevelt Dr - \$450,000
 2133 Santa Clara #207 - \$265,000
 2133 Santa Clara #323 - \$265,000
 1536 Santa Clara Ave - \$575,000
 1235 St. Charles St - \$625,000
 1443 St. Charles St - \$410,000
 3211 Sterling Ave - \$360,000
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 887 Solano Ave - \$535,000
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 3888 Linden Ln - \$120,000
 516 Lisa Ct - \$223,500

25 Lupine Ct - \$317,000
 1130 Mitchell Wy - \$280,000
 5192 S. Pablo Dam Rd - \$200,000
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OAKLAND

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 2335 11th Ave - \$240,000
 1915 16th Ave - \$275,000
 1181 16th St - \$270,000
 1715 22nd Ave - \$147,000
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 2557 35th Ave - \$250,000
 2868 38th Ave #10 - \$145,000
 3704 39th Ave - \$220,000
 425 43rd St - \$420,000
 921 43rd St - \$194,000
 464 44th St - \$480,000
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 1342 64th Ave - \$156,500
 1726 64th Ave - \$260,000
 2430 64th Ave - \$190,000
 1054 71st Ave - \$138,000
 2050 83rd Ave - \$135,500
 2263 83rd Ave - \$136,000
 1139 86th Ave - \$169,000
 1012 87th Ave - \$276,000
 1821 88th Ave - \$220,000
 840 Arlington Ave - \$195,000
 6571 Ascot Dr - \$505,000
 2216 Auseon Ave - \$80,000
 1363 Bates Rd - \$330,000
 1060 Bayview Ave - \$250,000
 3519 Brookdale Ave - \$185,000
 9624 C St - \$160,000
 300 Caldecott Ln #119 - \$410,000
 320 Caldecott Ln #305 - \$239,000
 1872 Clemens Rd - \$551,000
 5765 Colton Bl - \$700,000
 5952 Colton Bl - \$620,000
 8906 D St - \$160,000
 6600 Dover St - \$260,000
 821 East 20th St - \$190,000
 1017 East 23rd St - \$175,000
 1215 East 24th St - \$270,000
 1329 East 32nd St - \$250,000
 6801 Eastlawn St - \$110,000
 51 Edgemont Wy - \$460,000
 2909 Frye St - \$500,000
 6515 Glen Oaks Wy - \$275,000
 2129 Harrington Ave - \$180,000
 1124 Hollywood Ave #4 - \$377,000
 2321 Humboldt Ave - \$210,000
 2049 International Bl - \$220,000
 555 Jean St #518 - \$117,000
 5425 Leona St - \$482,000
 4024 Loma Vista Ave - \$425,000
 3700 Lundholm Ave - \$275,000
 6455 Melville Dr - \$480,000
 2920 Minna Ave - \$265,000
 5601 Moraga Ave - \$502,000
 593 Mountain Bl - \$815,000

7619 Ney Ave - \$189,000
 1908 Oak Crest Dr - \$661,000
 7928 Outlook Ave - \$220,000
 9725 Plymouth St - \$143,000
 2700 Rawson St - \$309,000
 908 Rosemount Rd - \$475,000
 5933 Ross St - \$783,500
 7628 Rudsdale St - \$155,000
 7044 Saroni Dr - \$366,500
 2946 Schlyer St - \$390,000
 2450 Seminary Ave - \$260,000
 25 Shawnee Ct - \$815,000
 13499 Skyline Bl - \$675,000
 2800 Steinmetz Wy - \$525,000
 7631 Sterling Dr - \$285,000
 7930 Surrey Ln - \$430,000
 3100 Sylvan Ave - \$478,000
 4335 Terrabella Pl - \$457,500
 4343 Terrabella Pl - \$465,000
 4526 Tulip Av - \$350,000
 7312 Weld St - \$140,000
 5 W. Embarcadero #325 - \$270,000
 288 Whitmore St - \$97,000
 6524 Whitney St - \$271,000
 811 York St - \$227,500

RICHMOND

551 12th St - \$179,000
 1614 25th St - \$115,000
 969 36th St - \$245,000
 639 3rd St - \$145,000
 614 42nd St - \$170,000
 2727 Andrade Ave - \$222,000
 2908 Barrett Ave - \$195,000
 2504 Baywood Wy - \$305,000
 2351 Brooks Ave - \$173,000
 5201 Buckboard Wy - \$360,500
 3829 Garvin Ave - \$205,000
 81 Harbor View Dr - \$470,000
 3117 Keith Dr - \$259,000
 966 Kern St - \$217,500
 2631 Lowell Ave - \$182,000
 2331 McBryde Ave - \$189,000
 4321 McGlothen Wy - \$157,000
 3528 Nevins Ave - \$279,000
 2130 Roosevelt Ave - \$150,000
 234 South 41st St - \$200,000
 240 South 42nd St - \$140,000
 279 South 45th St - \$175,000
 340 South 49th St - \$160,000
 3000 Wiswall Dr - \$245,000

SAN LEANDRO

1502 136th Ave - \$115,000
 1595 168th Ave - \$245,000
 1469 Beacon Ave - \$300,000
 317 Bellevue Dr - \$299,000
 16017 Berkshire Rd - \$310,000
 14537 Birch St - \$290,000
 15508 Calgary St - \$298,000
 242 Caliente Dr - \$203,000
 367 Caliente Dr - \$215,500
 15262 Central Ave - \$245,000

3438 Chaplet St - \$315,500
 1009 Cumberland Ave - \$350,000
 576 Dolores Ave - \$350,000
 1446 Dornity Ave - \$225,000
 15093 Edgemont St - \$280,000
 373 Farrelly Dr - \$250,000
 1254 Fordham Ave - \$315,000
 1103 Gardner Bl - \$296,000
 728 Greer Ave - \$290,000
 16551 Hannah Dr - \$290,000
 433 Harlan St #302 - \$175,000
 1599 Hays St - \$165,000
 15317 Inverness St - \$274,000
 2385 Jamaica Wy - \$340,000
 431 Joaquin Ave - \$260,000
 16861 Liberty St - \$255,000
 458 Lloyd Ave - \$285,000
 220 Lorraine Bl - \$320,000
 1540 Mono Bl - \$250,000
 604 Oakes Bl - \$440,000
 1619 Orchard Ave - \$280,000
 2375 Ranspot Dr - \$440,000
 15091 Robin St - \$239,000
 1765 San Jose St - \$360,000
 2043 Strang Ave - \$280,000
 802 Superior Ave - \$585,000
 1470 Thrush Ave #24 - \$182,000
 1420 Thrush Ave #C - \$186,000
 2077 Washington Ave #213 - \$186,500
 363 West Joaquin Av - \$600,000

SAN LORENZO

2173 Bockman Rd - \$223,000
 15404 Dermody Ave - \$235,000
 617 Paseo Grande - \$275,000
 353 Peach Dr - \$400,000
 1828 Via Amigos - \$365,000
 17243 Via Annette - \$295,000
 15721 Via Corta - \$268,000
 1152 Via Los Trancos - \$290,000
 1510 Via Mesa - \$330,000
 16113 Via Paro - \$279,000
 196 Via San Marino - \$255,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 28
 LOWEST PRICE: \$265,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$751,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$430,804

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on page B12

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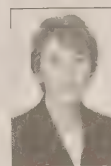
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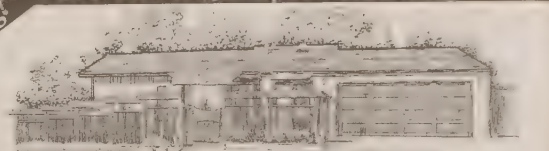


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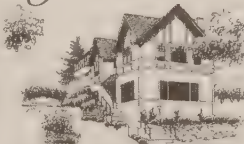
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SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$535,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$362,313
SALES: 17
LOWEST PRICE: \$138,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$446,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$290,463
SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$418,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$328,417
SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$420,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$250,000
SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$265,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$285,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$275,667
Patsy is doing fine. She loves the snow and mountains, the people who have been her friends, and all of the animals she's acquired: eight hens, two cats (a photo of one was entered in her card), two sheep, two dogs and a cat.
She reports that she plays the violin for this and that (we had no idea she plays the violin), she's leaving, working on a large house that Boyd built for her, and she's although she says, she's in Taos "the beautiful climate of the Berkeley-Hill hills."
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LOWEST PRICE: \$ 80,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$815,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$265,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$317,723
RICHMOND
TOTAL SALES: 24
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$470,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$214,083
SAN FRANCISCO
TOTAL SALES: 40
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$290,463
SAN JOSE
TOTAL SALES: 11
LOWEST PRICE: \$223,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$400,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$279,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$292,273

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90 Oakmont Avenue New Listing \$895,000
Piedmont. The elegant design of this lovely 4BR/3BA Tudor has been beautifully maintained & includes leaded windows, beamed ceilings & hardwood floors. Elizabeth Dickson



6130 Colby Street New Listing \$499,000
Charm, location & condition! This wonderful 3BR/2BA two story traditional has been recently remodeled and includes a sunny level play yard. Katherine Cooper



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6678 Liggett Drive New Listing \$599,000
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66 Glen Eden Avenue New Listing \$489,000
Located in a desirable neighborhood, this charming home features a spacious living room and dining room with random plank hardwood floors. Mavis Delacroix



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Incredibly open & light spaces plus fabulous views of the Bay & beyond highlight this dramatic 4+BR/3.5BA Montclair contemporary. Steve Michaelides



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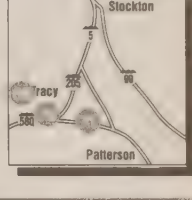
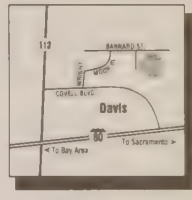
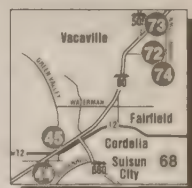
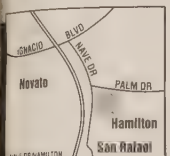
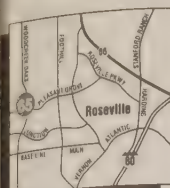
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19 California Orchard
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21 Heritage Grove
From high \$200,000's. Spacious 3-5 BR. Near charming downtown, great schools, new library. Daily 10-5, Mon 12-5. Signature Properties. 925-513-1057

22 Lyon Groves
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23 Meridian Pointe
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24 Providence
From mid \$200,000's. Now Previewing, 3 & 4 bdrms homes in country setting. Enjoy Delta living and small town charm. Call 1-800-SHEA HOMES or visit www.sheahomes.com

25 Turnberry at Shadow Ridge
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26 Claremont Estates at Crystall Ranch
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27 Crystall Ranch
From upper \$500,000's. New Release! Luxury homes, rolling hills, 4 spec. floor plans, 2400-3600 sq ft., elegant int., custom. opts. Ygnacio Vly. r on Pine Hollow Rolling Woods Way. 925-687-3332. www.legacyluxuryhomes.com

28 Kestrel Place
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31 San Michele
New Release Opening Soon. Priced from the low \$1,000,000's. 5 & 6BR, 3205-3650 sq ft. Daily 1-5. 925-648-9418. www.bradfordandopenhomes.com

32 The Village at Old Blackhawk Road
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37 Dublin Ranch
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38 Mayfield at Dublin Ranch
From the mid \$600,000's. Coming in late spring, 3-5BR, up to 2800 sq ft., by Shea Homes. Call 925-875-9811 for more information. Visit us on the web: www.sheahomes.com

39 Stonecrest at Dublin Ranch
From the mid \$700,000's. New Release! Elegant 3-5BR w/ views thru valley. Choose spacious floorplans, 2909-3824 sq ft. w/ flex room options. Easy commuting. great shopping, schools. Centex Homes. 925-875-1561. nclstone@aol.com

39 Tassajara Meadows
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40 The Glen at Dublin Greene
From low \$500,000's. 4 & 5BR estate homes. Up to 2800 sq ft. Near schools, BART, I-880. Schools. Sales information center open 10-5. 925-875-0112

41 The Vineyards at Dublin Greene
From mid \$300,000's. Elegant townhomes from 1270-1740 sq ft. Near shops, BART, I-880, schools. Sales center open 10-5. 925-743-1000

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42 Canyon Oaks
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43 Regency Place
Coming Soon! New custom homes priced from the low \$400,000's. 2-5 baths with floor plans 2156-2500 sq ft. Sluoco entrance, tile roofs. Contact exclusive agent Gary Torretta at 510-758-5550.

FAIRFIELD

44 Southbrook
From low \$300,000's. The Estates at Southbrook, executive homes up to 3,312 sq ft. from the mid \$200,000's. Call 707-884-0225. Gold Hill Rd. off 880. www.seenhomes.com

45 Visions at Vintage Green Valley
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46 Belleterre
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47 The Bluffs
From low \$600,000's. 3 floorplans, 4 to 5 BR, up to 3589 sq ft. Extremely low density. Large lots. Many homesites back natural open space. 925-443-3492.

48 Dunsmuir
From \$600,000's. Luxurious 4.5 & 6BR. Arts & Crafts Era styling. Avg. 8500 sq ft. sites. Surrounded by beaut. vineyards. Signature Properties. Daily 10-5. Mon 12-5. 925-961-1605

49 Prima
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52 Inspiration
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54 Tranquillity
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55 Marsh Creek
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56 Harbort Cove
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57 Americana
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58 Highlands Ranch
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63 Cypress at Country Club Vista
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63 Spyglass at Country Club Vista
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70 Sandpiper Cove at Hidden Lake
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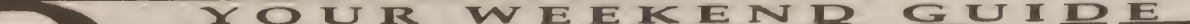
72 Countryside
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74 Westgate Estates
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Harbor Bay Realty			
1325 Clinton	480-BA	2-4-30	\$985.00
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1060 San Antonio	480/3BA	2-4	\$969.00
Bill Douglas 510-814-4839			
Harbor Bay Realty			
13 Anderson	480/3BA	2-4	\$825.00
Open Sat & Sun			
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Harbor Bay Realty			
1348 Broadway	480-BA	2-4	\$775.00
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Harbor Bay Realty			
3243 Fairview	380/3BA	2-4	\$825.00
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Harbor Bay Realty			
1700 Cornell	3-2/2BA	2-4	\$996.00
Nancy Gordon 510-814-4815			
Harbor Bay Realty			
1728 Lafayette	280/2BA	2-4	\$550.00
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1123 Hansen	380/2BA	2-4	\$529.50
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3245 Bay Vista	380/1 - BA	2-4	\$618.00
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Linda Grant 510-814-4713			
Harbor Bay Realty			
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Harbor Bay Realty			
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Margaret Lombi 510-814-4823			
Harbor Bay Realty			
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Maureen Shanabolt 510-814-4980			
Harbor Bay Realty			
1630 Bay	3 - 20/3BA	2-4	\$420.00
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Fred Hobbs, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1138			
9 Bordwell Ct	280-BA	2-4	\$406.00
Open Sat & Sun			
Jerry Neuhbaum 510-522-0966, Kane & Associates			
2124 Encinal Ave.	3 - 20/1BA	2-4	\$399.00
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1320 Fernside	280/2BA	2-4	\$389.00
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1233-A Broadway Krysha Novosik 510-843-1876	38D-8A Korn & Associates	2-4	\$375,000
1020 Auburn Dr Open Sat & Sun Lorraine Ingeman 510-814-4716	38D/2BA	2-4	\$375,000
510-814-4845 Harbor Bay Realty			
1019 Tahiti Open Sat. only Nancy Evans Blanchi 510-814-4819,	28D/2BA	2-4	\$356,000
Harbor Bay Realty			
1722 Willow St Open Saturday only Caroline Horton, 510-965-2499	38D/1BA	2-4	\$345,000
Prudential CA Realty			
1710 Chapin Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30 Ul Llorca 510-723-9444, Alan Rosch 510-521-0880	28D-8A	2-4:30	\$325,000
Korn & Associates			
1106 College Shirley McWilliam 510-814-4823	38D/1BA	2-4	\$319,000
Harbor Bay Realty			
306 Mount St Open Saturday only Tim Marr, 510-814-4817,	28D/1BA	2-4	\$319,000
Harbor Bay Realty			
615 Willow Open Sat & Sun Rings 510-814-4848	28D/2BA	2-4	\$240,000
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723 Second St Open Saturday only Debra Norman, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1127	18D/1BA	2-4	\$148,500

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
930 Carmel Ave. Jeanette Muzina, C-21 Hartford Prop.	480/28A	2-430 415-575-8162	\$539,000
1072 Evelyn RED OAK, 510-280-2175, Schuyler	250/18A	2-4	\$299,000

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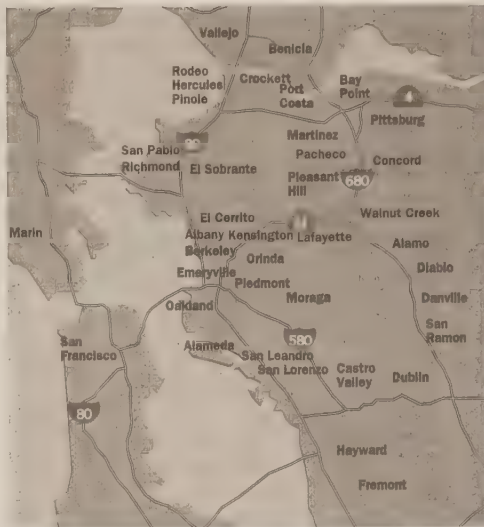
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7125 Westmoorland RED OAK, 510-280-2103, Marc	4BD/3BA	2-4	\$948,000
260 Stonewall RED OAK, 510-280-2109, Ratchifas	4 / BD/4BA	2-4	\$865,000
2583 Cedar St Berkeley Ann Nichols 510-339-6460 ext.319, Pacific Union	3 - BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$695,000
1690 Sacramento St Homes-Jink Homes-Jink Team 510-748-7330	2 - BD/1BA	2-4	\$385,000

KENSINGTON

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
624 Beloit	4D/3BA	2-4	\$1,595,00
Little Braudy, Prudential CA Rty, 510-524-5143			

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
5070 Contra Costa Rd upper Rockridge Debra J. Dryden, The GRUBB Co.	480/38A	2-4:30	\$1,679,000



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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
5850 Birch Court Highridge, 12 unit building 800 So. Presidential Ca Realty 510-339-9290	80-8A	2-4:30	\$1,500,000.
6680 Ester Piedmont Pines John Alford 510-339-4700 Caldwell Banker	4 + Bd/3Ba	1-4	\$1,299,000.
914 Aquarius Wy Master Michaelson, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	4 - BQ/3BA	2-4:30	\$1,250,000.
708 Grizzly Trail Montclair Graydon/Pandolfi, Prudential Ca Realty 510-339-9290	4BD/2 + BA	2-4:30	\$995,000.
5860 Colbourne Pl Hillcrest, Estate Fritz Hochstetler 510-339-4700 Caldwell Banker	4 + Bd/3Ba	2-4:30	\$899,000.
1053 Sunnyhill Rd Cracker Highlands Martha Sisk, Montclair Broker Homes, 510-287-9806	3 - BQ/3BA	2-4:30	\$890,000.
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536 Mountain Blvd Montclair Nancy Moore 510-339-6460 ad.302, Pacific Union	3Bd/3BA	1-4	\$625,000.

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6153 Ceasle Joanne Marlene Hensch 510-339-6480 ext.389, Pacific Union	480/28A	1-4	\$825,000
6678 Liggett Piedmont side of Montclair David DiNapoli, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/28A	2-4:30	\$598,000
200 Modco Ave Uppner Rckridge Sherry Benninger, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/28A	2-4:30	\$598,000
5969 Bruns Ct Montclair Helen Winkler 510-339-5400 ext.355 & Charlotte Boyle ext.370, Pacific Union	380/28A	1-4	\$598,000
6 Cortez Court Montclair Ashley Wilcox O'Neill 510-339-6460 ext.389 Pacific Union	3 - BD/3BA	1-4	\$598,000
17 Marvin Cove Hills Highlands Carol Robinson, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-331-7000 ext. 282	3 - BD/3BA	2-4:30	\$598,000
4225 Harbor View Redwood Heights Donna Correy 510-339-4700 Colander Banker	4 - BD/3BA	1-4	\$579,000
18 Kimberley Ct Montclair Rita Harrington, Prudential CA Realty 510-896-8485	3 - BD/2BA	1-4:30	\$548,000

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1078 Glenhurst Cres- cent By Owner 825/933-9030	2bd/1ba	1-4	\$548,000
2300 - 2302 35th Oakland Tom Anthony 510-834-2300, Pacific Union	480/2 - BA	2-6:30	\$538,000
4969 Stoneridge Court Allegan Gene Boomer, Prudential Ca Realty 510-538-9230	380/2 1/2 BA	2-4:30	\$488,000
3975 Turnley Sagequay Heights Ed Kahl, Prudential Ca Realty 510-539-9230	480/2 BA	2-4:30	\$489,000
6130 Colby St No. Oakland Katherine Cooper, The GRUBBS Co. 510-539-0400	380/2 BA	2-4:30	\$488,000
88 Glenhurst Av Menlo Park Marie Detarok, The GRUBBS Co. 510-539-0400	280/2 BA	2-6:30	\$488,000
6733 Moore Dr Menlo Park Cassie Rogers, The GRUBBS Co. 510-539-0400	480/2 BA	2-6:30	\$485,000
5422 Leona St Home-Link, Home-Link Team 510-748-5300	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$469,000
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<p>Berkeley</p> <p>* ESTATE SALE * 2212 WOOLSEY cross st. Tel. 846-2341, Sat. 1/13-Sun, 1/14, 9:30 - 5:00 kl. tbl. & chairs, mod. furn., kids outdoor wood burn kit, mirrors, many other items by local artist. Lg. futon, tools, Denon Pioneer stereo equip. & more</p>	<p>Giant Multi Family RUMMAGE SALE AT CONCORD HIGH 4200 Concord Blvd Saturday 8-4 p.m. 50c entry, No Early Birds! Furn., clothes, toys, housewares & more. CASH ONLY</p>	<p>Flea Markets Sat. 1/20 8am-3pm San Francisco High school Small QTY. 120% off Danville Blvd.) Sponsored by Wolf-Tones Inc. by notification</p>	<p>Lafayette</p> <p>HUGE GARAGE SALE SAT. 9-13 JAN 13 Couches din. tbl. 4 chrs. Hutch; patio chairs; Yamaha elect. pian. Nordic Rider bike; sandbox; toys, low prices. 3339 Helen Ln.</p>	<p>Oakland</p> <p>Estate/GARAGE SALE Furniture, rugs, innens, silver & misc. SAT. SUN. 9-3 cross street Presley St.</p>	<p>Oakley</p> <p>Estate/Garage Sale Everything Must Go! 4915 Fuchsia Wy. SAT/SUN 1/13-14 9-5 Cash Only!</p>	<p>Piedmont</p> <p>Moving Sale 109 ST. JAMES Inside House, Garage SAT. SUN. 9-3 Furn., hshld, plants, patio furn., tv, stereo & more. Daisy</p>	<p>San Pablo</p> <p>WAREHOUSE SALE Old tools, camera, desk pictures, ceramics, jewelry, knickknacks, etc. 1212 California Ave. SAT. 1/13 10-2 Sun 1/14 9-5 Dan. 510/236-3326</p>	<p>Holiday Boutiques</p> <p>SWEATER SALE Mittens, jtn. & kids \$5.00 Fri. 1/12 SAT-noon 3039 EBANO DR WALNUT CREEK</p>
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TABBY, black & gray, fem., spayed, 8 lbs. 8 yrs., no collar. Blackhawk Hill, Lafayette. 925-734-7616

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1.75 percent (for another 15 minutes) but then all the way back to 5.25 percent within three days. Sometimes a rally in the bond market will spur the stock market and they react favorably together. Sometimes we just throw our arms up, shrug and say, 'Oh well'.

National and World Events. When there are national catastrophes like the major floods that the Midwest or earthquakes in California, if one of our political figures is assassinated or involved in a huge bank scandal, it has impact on the bond market.

Every time Iraq's Saddam starts saber rattling, he shakes up the market as well as our nerves. These are usually the only circumstances where bad news is bad news for the bond market.

New Home and Existing Home Sales. When these indicators are up too much it could indicate that the economy is heating up too quickly and fuel inflation fears.

This is not good news for the bond market. The same is true for New Home Construction Starts.

Producer Price Index (PPI): The producer price index tells us the wholesale cost of goods. If they are paying much more than in past months it will affect the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and how much we will be paying for goods at the retail level. Retail Sales:

This measures how the major retailers are doing based on same stores sales by month versus last year's sales.

It also gives an indication as to how much and where consumers are spending their money. It is a good indicator as to how well the economy is doing.

Weekly and Monthly Jobless Claims. This is the biggie. When the unemployment figures are down, more people are working and making money to fuel the economy.

For some reason the Fed thinks this fuels fears of inflation and as I mentioned before, inflation is bad for the bond market.

It is a sad state of affairs that it's the bad news for the economy that is good news for interest rates. Of course, the mortgage madness of it is, you only need to wish for bad news while you are getting your mortgage.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached at 339-8511, fax: 339-3814, e-mail at ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any mortgage questions and/or topics for discussion.

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Arts 'Days' a riveting near blast from past [C3]

ROBERT BRAUNSTEIN
Focus on Sports

Youth? Give us experience

At Sports Focus we use high school and college interns to help us out with our shoots. The tape and help decide which plays will make the highlight reel. I keep trying to tell you that youth is great, but you can't beat experience. I mean my nine years of doing this counts for a lot, especially when it gets close to crunch time and quick decisions need to be made as the show gets ready to go.

Tell me teenagers know nothing and I'm full of hooley.

For the prep basketball season, showing experience is king. Youth is hooley. For example, the Newark Central boys have lost its two players to graduation, but Roberto White, Robert Hoffman and Tre Hayes from last year's title team.

One night at Logan, the players appeared ready to drop down to the up-and-coming Logan had an 11-point lead in the third quarter after scoring in the second. But White and Hoffman refused to lose and Hayes was awesome. White and Hoffman keys to the Cougars' run last season and they know what it takes to win big games. Hoffman is the best pure passer in the league; he delivered the ball at all angles and when the opponent least suspects it. Cheo delivered big-time baskets in traffic when it matters most. When the smoke cleared, Logan ended up to find themselves on the wrong end of a 61-55 score. Hoffman finished with 27 points and our Sports Focus NCS Athlete of the week this week.

Amazing to me that Foothill is so good again this season. Making it to the state title last year, the Pleasanton version of "Hoosiers" has picked up where it left off. Foothill lost size but Matt "The Beast" Bolder is still there, and so is Castello, who lit up Antioch in points last week. But these boys know what it means to play on the floor of the arena for a state championship. At 13-1, Foothill might not be as they did in that magical, but with a big burly guy and The Beast in a small family called Pleasanton, there's a story line to believe it happen again.

Experience doesn't always come from the same sport. Miranda's Charlie Robertson had a week for the Matador boys basketball team last week. The big lead had six points and 16 rebounds in the Mats' overtime win in the Campo Wednesday. Robertson came back on Friday to score 17, giving a 3-pointer in the Mats' win over Northgate.

Two teams are expected to go for a league title, so the Friday night win was huge for Miranda. Robertson has lots of experience in big games, but most of it came on the football field. In the second catch at tight end when Miranda beat Las Lomas the game of the season. Miranda set the tone for the entire season, Miranda winning when beating Las Lomas and then in the NCS final game.

My Botto knows about big plays — at least she does for us lesser athletes, you know you'll react at that moment truth when the game's on.



RACING AROUND A DEFENDER, St. Mary's Veronica Rios-Reddick pushed the ball into the open court. Playing in Oakland Jan. 6, the Panthers fell to Holy Names 51-36.

Panthers come up short in league opener

Spurgeon scores 13 in BSAL opener

By Matt Petersen
STAFF WRITER

OAKLAND — The Holy Names girls basketball squad outdueled St. Mary's Saturday afternoon 51-36 for their first Bay Shore Athletic League win of the season at Holy Names College.

Sherresa Bailey scored 13 points — all coming in the first half — and grabbed six rebounds, and Mawuli Ladzekpo iced six straight free throws down the stretch to keep a St. Mary's (7-8, 1-1 BSAL) comeback at bay. Holy Names (5-9 1-1) dominated in the early going by hitting 12-of-20 free throws in the first half and employing a relentless full-court press that helped them to a 31-15 lead after the first two quarters of play.

"We had a nice little run at the end of the first half where we got three or four baskets off our press and broke it open a little bit. They got a little impatient and tried to force some things that played into our hands," Holy Names coach Dennis Flannery said.

The Panthers' only lead came just under three minutes into the game off a nice Jennifer Scott rebound.

In transition, Heide Spurgeon knocked down a 3 from the elbow — one of two for her in the quarter — and the game was 5-4.

Prep girls' basketball

Holy Names 51
St. Mary's 36

From there, Holy Names sent forth the press catapulting them into the lead. Both teams went without a field goal for over three minutes until Bailey put back an offensive rebound as she was fouled in heavy traffic. She hit the free throw for the three-point play, giving Holy Names a 10-5 edge.

Holy Names broke the game open in the second quarter on Bailey's 4-for-6 from the foul line, and Alessandra Albrizzio scoring eight of her nine points.

After St. Mary's Amy Brennick cut the lead to three at 16-13, Holy Names went on a 15-2 run to end the half with St. Mary's starters Spurgeon and Kamaiya Warren on the bench nursing three fouls apiece.

Terri Archer was all over the court causing turnovers and providing constant pressure on the press. Archer had six of her nine points in the quarter and also finished the game with four rebounds.

St. Mary's picked up the intensity in the second half and started to work its way through the Holy

Names trap.

Starting the fourth quarter trailing 42-25, Warren sparked a 9-2 run by showing great defensive presence in the paint and scoring five points. Warren finished with 13.

St. Mary's head coach Don Lawson saw his real team come alive in the fourth quarter.

"That is much more indicative of the way we have shown we can play. We came out very tentative being (away) at Holy Names. We had a 16-point deficit at the half, but we showed we could play with them in the second (half)," said Lawson.

Another key contributor in St. Mary's second-half resurgence was Spurgeon, who kept many a play alive in the Panther's offensive end by scrapping for loose balls. But the wind left the club's sails when Spurgeon fouled out at the 4:00 mark. She finished with 13 points. From there on out it was Ladzekpo sinking six straight free throws and Holy Names coasting to league win numero uno.

"This was a nice game to come out and play. St. Mary's is a rivalry, and (the win) gets us back on the right track after not having a good game against Piedmont," said Flannery.

Yellowjackets fast-break past Oilers

Transfer Davis paced 'Jackets with 25 points

By Dean Rosener
CORRESPONDENT

Restoring the lost art of the fast break, deep and quick Berkeley plugged the Richmond Oilers' brief gushing here Tuesday evening, and went on to run away with an 87-60 triumph in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game.

"We had it in us to make one comeback against them," Richmond coach Ken Carter said, "but not two. They have too many players."

The Oilers erupted after being down 11-0 at the start, and trailed only 39-35 at halftime. But 12 juniors and seniors rotate for the swarming, talented Yellowjackets. They allow coach Mike Gragnani to employ the racehorse style he loves, and they ran away with the second half.

"I'm committed to fast-break basketball," Gragnani said. "And we're starting to jell with it now. Our ultimate goal is to win the state title. I know that sounds lofty, but why not try to be the best?"

So compelling is the first-year coach's style that point guard Ryan Davis chose to transfer from Lincoln of San Francisco, partly so he could play for Gragnani. It has paid off. Davis leads the team in scoring with 18 points a game, and paced all scorers with 25 against Richmond. He hopes to receive a major-college scholarship.

"Tonight, a representative from the University of Portland — they're in the same conference with Gonzaga and San Francisco — was here to watch me," Davis said. "That's nice to know."

"Our style fits a team like ours, with so many good athletes."

After an up-and-down start to their season, Berkeley is 10-5 and 2-0 in ACCAL. Richmond fell to 5-7 and 0-2 in league.

When Davis scored four of Berkeley's 11 unanswered points to start the game, it seemed the Oilers had been left high and dry. But they cut



BERKELEY'S BRYAN ST. JULES (left) was blocked by Richmond's Michael Hall during their Jan. 9 game in Berkeley. The Yellowjackets defeated the Oilers 87-60.

the lead to 23-17 after one period.

Besides Davis, there were other Yellowjacket stalwarts in the high-scoring first frame. Football star Ramone Reed, who is the team's leading rebounder for the season, muscled his way in to score two baskets off offensive rebounds. Versatile senior guard Allyn Washington hit both a 3-pointer and a layup.

The second quarter was a stand-off, Richmond narrowing the deficit to that four-point halftime spread at 39-35.

"If you can't play hard," said a frustrated Gragnani to his team during a second-period huddle, "then get your butts off the floor."

He must have gotten his point across further after halftime. In an electrifying burst, Berkeley outscored Richmond 21-6 in the first 4:10 of the third period to open a 60-41 bulge. With Reed underneath, Jahl Milton,

a 245-pound co-enforcer, contributed five of the points, including two on a Reed-like bucket off an offensive rebound.

The omnipresent Davis showed off his versatility with his eight points during the 21-6 spurt, hitting two 3-point shots and driving for a basket. It was a decisive surge, the one that Carter concedes he could not counter. Berkeley coasted to a 66-48 lead after three periods and that 87-60 final victory.

It's puzzling that a crowd-pleasing style like the fast break is unpopular with so many coaches. Even speed guru Gragnani admits to a certain flexibility.

"Maybe if I had slow plodders, I'd have to adjust," he said.

Then, in an understatement, he concluded, "But these Berkeley kids

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Red-hot Jets cool off the Gauchos

Brown records double-double in loss; Albany's Martinez notches triple double

By Pete Elman
CORRESPONDENT

Encinal coach Tanda Rucker was a bit nervous before the game — after all, it was her first league contest as a head coach, and she was pitted against her old friend Ron Williams and his strong Gauchos team. When asked what she felt the strength of her Jet squad was, the former Stanford (and Berkeley High) point guard answered without hesitation.

"Our point guard, Raushanah Bashir, is the real thing. She may be short (5'3") but she has it all — you just watch," Rucker said with pride.

Say no more, Tanda. With her team trailing the Gauchos 48-44

after three quarters, the diminutive but tough Bashir took over the game. Penetrating, dishing off

to her teammates for easy layups and even nailing two clutch 3s for good measure, the senior captain willed her team to a dramatic comeback road win, 68-60, in the ACCAL opener for both teams.

Going into the game, Encinal was picked to finish fifth in the preseason polls, reflecting the fact that they lost several key players from last year's 22-6 squad. To compound things, the Jets were a lackluster 6-8 in December non-league games.

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Prep girls' basketball

Encinal 68
El Cerrito 60
St. Patrick 60
Albany 37

St. Mary's, Piedmont battle to standstill

PIEDMONT — St. Mary's and Piedmont battled to a 2-2 tie in a Bay Shore Athletic League game.

After a scoreless first half, Piedmont (1-0-1 BSAL) jumped on top with a goal by Mark Beilock in the 45th minute.

The Panthers (1-0-1 BSAL) answered seven minutes later on Brendan Slevin's goal off Patrick Barry's assist.

Bryan Warren scored a go-ahead goal for St. Mary's with an assist from Barry.

But the Highlanders tied the score with only two minutes left on a Billy Betts goal off an assist from Andy McClary.

"Every game that we play against Piedmont is a battle," said St. Mary's coach Teal Matteson. "I'm really pleased with the way our guys played."

Girls' soccer

RICHMOND — Kira Fatheree scored the go-ahead goal off an assist from Mia Arakaki to lead Berkeley over Richmond 2-1 in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League match.

Richmond (6-1-1, 3-1-1 ACCAL) led 1-0 at the half with a goal by Maria Esparza off an assist from Mayra Gonzalez.

Berkeley's (5-4-1, 4-1-1 ACCAL) Esther Schmidt tied the game early in the second half. But Fatheree sealed the win for the Yellowjackets with her goal 13 minutes later.

Prep boys' soccer

St. Mary's 2
Piedmont 2

Media discover Raider Nation...

(... but can they find their way out?)

On Monday morning I was seated at the counter at Ole's Waffle Shop when in pops a camera crew from Ch. 2. While bidding adieu to any hopes of a quiet breakfast with the morning paper, I was forced to smile.

It was beginning. And it was just the beginning. My sleepy bedroom community would be under siege this week, with more national media exposure than Florida saw a month ago.

I live on a little island off the coast of Oakland. This is where the Raiders live and work. Alameda is on the map this week following the Raiders' decisive 27-0 victory over the Miami Dolphins, which gave them home field advantage in Sunday's AFC championship game, one step from the Super Bowl in Tampa.

I downed the rest of my coffee, grabbed my paper, and drove out to the far southern tip of the city, Bay Farm Island, to the Raiders compound, to check out this media circus. Turning onto Harbor Bay Parkway off Doolittle, I remember the last time this much attention was paid to the Raiders, when their practice facility was on this corner, across the street from the golf course.

In those days QB Kenny Stabler could be found early Sunday morning sipping bourbon at the Pop Inn on Park St., on game day. And after the game John Matuzak would be a couple blocks down the street checking ID's at the door to the Park St. Saloon for free beer. Further down the street, across the Park St. Bridge, the rest of the team would be celebrating at Pier 29.

As I traveled down Harbor Bay I noticed the fence was torn at the first turn in the road. Some car had wiped out — at the exact same place where former QB Dan Pastorini had wiped out his sports car years ago, before a playoff game, creating national headlines. They should either put a plaque or a warning sign there.

As I pulled into the Raiders facility my first surprise was a huge white tent which filled the parking lot, the kind most often seen at a major golf championship. But this tent was not constructed for the media. It was head coach Jon Gruden's idea — if the weather turned bad the team could do walk-throughs in the protective tent.

But when it did start raining, Gruden gave one of his patented Chuckie grin/glares and immediately said to his team, "What a perfect day for football. Everyone out to the field!" After all, it may rain on Sunday.

By default the media used the tent, if only to get out of the rain.

There was already a media crunch, most from out of town. Since I lived in town, most came to me to ask for directions out, still confused as to how they got in. You never know Alameda until you try to explain it to an outsider. Getting to those bridges is not an easy task for the uninitiated.



RON SALSIG
Range Rat

Note to Alamedans: If a stranger asks for directions this week, be kind. It's probably an ESPN anchor. "This is nothing," Raiders offensive lineman Lincoln Kennedy said of the media horde in the locker room. "Wait until Wednesday."

Wednesday came with more TV cameras than Ch. 2 has in its entire studio, more microphones than President Clinton ever saw on a dais. Darrell Russell has the reputation of the great interview, so he was immediately besieged when he sat down next to his locker.

I crept to the back of that feeding frenzy and I was immediately run over by a cameraman seeking position, much to the delight of the line-backers sitting on the other side of the room.

"You gonna let that little guy run you over like that?" one of them asked.

The national media plays rough. I picked myself up and sat next to Johnny Harris.

"The real story is right here," he said, pointing to a locker next to his. "Take a look."

It looked like any other locker, until I saw the name. Eric Turner. The safety who died of stomach cancer in the off season. There was a half-empty bottle of Scope, several bottles of shampoo, dirty sweats, T-shirts, shoes, a black seashell necklace hanging from a nail, a few books and mail. In front of the locker was a picture of the team with the inscription, "AFC West Champions."

I took out the two books. One was by Max Lucado, titled "Just Like Jesus." The other was by Benny Himm,

titled "Good Morning Holy Spirit." There were unopened letters, and a couple opened, in a plastic bag. This locker was the Raiders' shrine.

"I usually wear one of his T-shirts on game day," Harris said. "Other members of the team will wear socks or jewelry. It's the unspoken story this year. I know he's still with us."

I wandered around the locker room, listening to players say they were not going to change their game plan, that they loved the fans, that the Baltimore Ravens have a fine team ... saying nothing in so many words.

"We weren't really coached on the media," said punter Shane Lechler, who enjoys his locker between Tim Brown and Rich Gannon. "Just don't do anything stupid, like poster-boy material."

Before they left for Los Angeles the Raiders were known in this town for their blue-collar ethics, mingling with locals at taverns on Park St. and at breakfast spots like Ole's. There is a difference these days — you can still find them eating breakfast at Jim's, but hardly ever at the bars. More likely at the Safeway on Bay Farm Island.

Like Eric Turner's locker, there is a secret about this team — they may have Oakland on their jerseys, but they're really Alameda's team. They like the town where they work and live, and they respect it. But they still have a mischievous quality about them — when an ESPN anchor asked for directions to San Francisco, a Raider who shall remain nameless gave him explicit, clear directions to the aircraft carrier Hornet.

At least that anchor will be able to see the city.

Ron Salsig forsakes his weekly golf column to honor the Raiders this week. He can be reached at rsalsig@pacbell.net



RAIDER FANS LET THE WORLD KNOW who was No. 1 after defeating Carolina for the AFC title on Dec. 24.

Gauchos

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Rucker, however, was not concerned.

"I'm optimistic about this team," the rookie coach remarked. "We lack height, but we have heart. I believe in running the fast break as much as possible and taking it to the basket. And we have the point guard who can do it."

When the contest started, it looked as if El Cerrito was a step faster than the Jets. Neither team played solid defense in a frenetic first quarter, but there was little offensive flow to the game either. Breaking out to an 18-13 lead behind senior star guards Destiny Nowlin (20 points) and the mercurial Tyeisha Brown (21 points, 6-for-7 from the free-throw line, 12 rebounds), the Gauchos seemed in control.

El Cerrito is coming off a tough 13-15 1999 season which saw coach Williams, a nine-year assistant at Alameda, struggle somewhat in his debut year. Like Rucker, he lost several key players, but still had his two stars returning.

"Our goal is to get to the NCS (playoffs) and win the state," Williams remarked before the game. "With Destiny, Tyeisha and some aggressive rebounding and discipline, anything's possible," the former marine said.

The second period was more of the same, with the Gauchos running hard and the Jets just a step behind. Encinal was fast breaking but rushing their shots, only to see Brown grab the rebound and lead the El Cerrito break the other way, usually ending up in an easy bucket for herself, Nowlin or guard Jasmine Major (eight points). The Gauchos led, 34-26, after a half that only took 30 minutes to play.

Encinal came out of the locker room with a full-court press, trying to slow down the lightning-quick Brown. The strategy worked, and despite three coast-to-coast drives by Brown the Jets were able to stay close.

After three quarters the Gauchos were hanging on to a tenuous 48-44 lead, but Rucker's girls were wearing down the Gauchos, especially

Brown and Nowlin, whose shots were falling short, a sign of fatigue.

As the last period started, Bashir and Jet forward Jackie Randolph, who had struggled with her shot and committed several turnovers, shifted into overdrive, running the floor and crashing the boards with abandon. Rebounding ferociously and getting great position down low, Randolph lit it up for 23 points and 11 rebounds, most of them coming in the second half.

The fourth quarter was all Encinal, as Bashir stepped up her game to the level that causes her coach to describe her as a "potential Division 1 college player." Playing defense with a desperate edge, causing turnovers and making steals, and leading the Jet fast break after every Gaucho miss, she pumped up her teammates, especially Randolph, who fed off of Bashir's incredible energy.

With seven minutes left in the game, Bashir hit a huge 3-pointer to give Encinal a lead which they never relinquished, and on the next sequence hit forward Amber English (11 points) with a perfect pass down low that resulted in a layup. After another bomb from downtown by Bashir, the Jets were up 64-56 and El Cerrito appeared gassed.

Nowlin kept the Gauchos alive by hitting two outside shots to close it to 64-60, but Encinal was too strong inside with Randolph and center Noelle Samuels dominating the glass. Randolph put the nail in the coffin with a short jumper to make it 66-60 with one minute remaining.

The pace of the game was interrupted with 20 seconds left by a foul on Gaucho Brianni Davis — a foul which injured Bashir. For a few minutes a hush fell over the gym as Bashir writhed in agony on the floor from the hard contact with Davis, her close friend since youth basketball.

Fortunately it turned out to be a mild hip pointer, and Bashir expects to be ready for their next contest against DeAnza.

"A lot of people stepped up at the end—it wasn't just me," said the modest Bashir as she pressed an ice pack to her thigh, "I was just trying to not throw the ball away. This is a great win for us."

Her efforts were not lost on the

opposing coach. "Rucker did a great job keeping her in the game," Williams said. "It was a quarter we couldn't control — we got sloppy at the end of the game, and we were normally do, and we were nervous. But it was a good game."

Post game

WHEW! ... Rucker's coach afterwards, not rated by the come-from-behind team leader seemed OK.

"The difference was," Rucker said, "it was a meet and we were better. The press we put on made sense — the fourth quarter game. We played big."

To illustrate her point, she scored less each quarter than she did in the first and Friday night it was the same.

LOCAL ROOTS: Rucker is a member of the 1991 Bay Area Yellowjacket team that won the championship, and played at Stanford. Her husband, Wendell Rucker, Berkeley, is a coach.

"I never played," said Rucker after the win. "I was a Tandra play, and I'm so she's coaching now."

St. Patrick 60, Albany

ALBANY — Albany coach Al Martinez picked up his 12th rebound and 11th point in a 60-37 win in a Bay State League game.

"They put a full court press on us and we had trouble on break," Albany coach Al Martinez said.

The score was tied at half of the first quarter as Martinez picked up his 12th rebound and 11th point in a 60-37 win in a Bay State League game.

St. Patrick was paced by Martinez's 15 points.

Marc Carig contributed to this article.

Jackets

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aren't slow plodders."

Post Game — A big test looms tonight for Berkeley. They are con-

ference co-favorites with Pinole Valley and the 'Jackets visit the Spartans at 7 p.m. ... Washington was the Yellowjackets' number-two scorer, with 13 points against Richmond. Quick guard Damien Carter led the Oilers with 22 point ... In junior varsity action Tuesday, Berkeley beat Richmond 74-47.

BASKETBALL

PREP BOYS

Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League	W	L	GB
Berkeley	2	0	—
El Cerrito	1	0	½
Pinole Valley	1	0	½
Alameda	1	1	1
De Anza	1	1	1
Encinal	0	2	2
Richmond	0	2	2

Tuesday's results
Pinole Valley 63, Alameda 53
De Anza 68, Encinal 58
Berkeley 87, Richmond 60

BSAL

	W	L	GB
St. Mary's	2	0	—
Salesian	2	0	—
St. Joseph	2	1	½
Kennedy	2	1	½
John Swett	1	1	1
Piedmont	0	1	1½
St. Patrick	1	2	2
St. Elizabeth	0	2	2
Albany	0	2	2

Tuesday's results
Kennedy 49, John Swett 35
Salesian 67, St. Patrick 49
St. Mary's 84, St. Elizabeth 63
Wednesday's game
St. Joseph 54, Piedmont 35

PREP GIRLS

Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League	W	L	GB
Berkeley	2	0	—
Encinal	2	0	—
Pinole Valley	1	0	½
Alameda	1	1	1
El Cerrito	0	1	1½
De Anza	0	1	1½
Richmond	0	2	2

Tuesday's results
Encinal 59, De Anza 27
Pinole Valley 47, Alameda 46
Berkeley 88, Richmond 21

Bay Shore Athletic League

	W	L	GB
Kennedy	3	0	—
Piedmont	2	0	—
St. Mary's	2	1	1
John Swett	1	1	1½
St. Elizabeth	1	1	1½
Holy Names	1	1	1½
St. Patrick	1	1	1½
Salesian	0	1	2
Albany	0	2	2½
St. Joseph	0	3	3

Tuesday's results
Kennedy 54, John Swett 41
Piedmont 78, St. Joseph 34
St. Mary's 39, St. Elizabeth 37

Braunstein

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the line and you get the opportunity to take over.

For Amy, it came with time running out in Campolindo's game against archrival Miramonte. Botto scored the go-ahead bucket with just four seconds left in the game. The six two forward ended up with 20 points in the game. With 2.8 seconds left Miramonte had one last chance despite being in foul trouble the entire game Botto did not back down. Instead, she stole the inbounds pass and Campolindo had a two-point win.

Botto had a great highlight for Sports Focus.

In this season of parity where so many teams are so close, plays like those mentioned above will be more common this year. What an incredible experience for all the players involved.



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Arts

'Days' a riveting near-blast from past

Absorbing film does an outstanding job of portraying the Cuban missile crisis

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

January is a very pleasant but slightly strange time to be a movie critic: The movies are so good, you start to feel a bit like the college professor who does out A's to just about everyone.

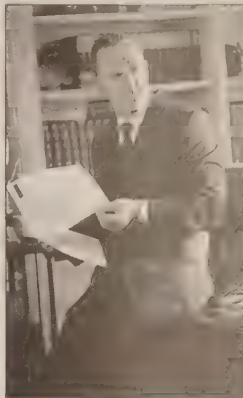
You'd think the flow of quality movies might have stopped with the end of the holidays. But they keep coming, largely because we in the Bay Area are playing catch-up with all the movies that opened in New York and Los Angeles before Christmas in order to get Oscar consideration. Still to come this month: "Yi Yi," and "George Washington," both of which have major buzz, and "The Claim," which will get its rave review from this critic on Jan. 26.

This week's straight-to-the-top-

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Thirteen Days"
■ **STARRING:** Kevin Costner, Steven Culp, Bruce Greenwood
■ **RATING:** PG-13 (language, images of nuclear destruction)
■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 18 minutes
■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
■ **GRADE:** A-

of-the-class film is "Thirteen Days," a movie about the Cuban missile crisis that at the onset looks like a history lesson (yawn) but ends up being a thoroughly satisfying and absorbing movie. Even though we all know the outcome — "Thirteen Days" is an attention-grabber that hums along almost like a good thriller. It plays tricks with our collective memory, some surprisingly subtle, until we genuinely feel we're watching a slice of the Kennedy administration.



Kevin Costner, below, plays Kenny O'Donnell, a White House aide in "Thirteen Days."

Now if you're leery of Kevin Costner movies, as many good people

are, don't let that stop you from seeing this one. With his utterly jarring Massachusetts accent, he's the weak link, but since he produced this fine movie and had the good grace not to play one of the Kennedys, he deserves some credit and not much in the way of abuse. Generally, he even gives a decent performance, although five minutes into the film, when Costner says "This is yore repooort caaaahhrrd?" to the kid who plays his adolescent son, you may feel so embarrassed for him you have to look away from the screen.

There's a clean snappiness to the way director Roger Donaldson ("No Way Out") paces the film. We start in October 1962, with a look at the shiny, smooth belly of a big old plane, lumbering over Cuba to take snapshots of whatever Castro is up to. The camera picks up a few images of long, ominous shapes amid the trees, and military analysis at the Pentagon quickly reveals them to be Soviet nuclear missiles.

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Four East Bay theaters are really rarin' to go

January 19 is still a few days away, but what a crowded theater date it is on the still-new 2001 calendar. Four East Bay theaters will open new productions on that Friday.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre begins its 33rd season with previews of Bridget Carpenter's "Fall." Lisa Peterson is directing this gentle comedy, which won the 1999-2000 Susan Smith Blackburn Prize for new plays.

"Fall" promises to be an engaging cross-generational treat, linking a budding 14-year-old girl on the brink of sexual discovery and her swing-obsessed "freaks" for parents. Ah, the memories! Ah, the times from the heyday of that rhythmic time!

The play unfolds against a backdrop of a Catalina swing camp. Young Lydia would rather be scuba



JACK TUCKER

Community theater

diving than swing dancing. But there are more steps to be learned than the jitterbug and the Lindy hop — hesitant steps of a beginning dancer as she learns poignant lessons about life, love and family.

Megan Austin Oberle makes her Berkeley Rep debut in the role of the fearlessly frank Lydia. She appeared recently in productions at Actor's Circle Theatre, Circle X and the Next Stage. Film credits include the NBC miniseries "The '70s."

Peterson, resident director of the

Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles, is returning to Berkeley Rep, where she previously directed "Antony and Cleopatra."

"Fall" begins its regular run Jan. 24 and continues through March 11. It is being produced in association with Baltimore's Center Stage.

Tickets, which cost from \$15.99 to \$51, are available at the Berkeley Rep box office, 510 647-2949, or through the theater's Web site, www.berkeleyrep.org.

A TRIO IN THE WINGS: Three community theaters also bid for your attention and patronage on the 19th, with offerings that could scarcely be farther apart in their appeal.

Pinole Community Players has good reason to reach back almost 40 years for its musical greeting to the new century. "The Fantasticks,"

which premiered May 3, 1960, in a tiny playhouse in New York's Greenwich Village, was also the first Pinole Players production in its trademark cabaret-style setting at St. Joseph's small social hall in 1988.

Reprising the bittersweet romantic whimsy sets a nice sentimental tone for the start of Pinole's 15th anniversary season.

"The Fantasticks" plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Jan. 19 through Feb. 17 at the Pinole Playhouse, 601 Tennent Ave., Pinole. Sunday matinees are Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11. Tickets are \$14 general, \$10 for seniors and students. Call 510 724-3669.

A NIMBLE RABBIT: The Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place,

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Adams explores the sacred in 'El Niño'

Berkeley-based composer's controversial choral work sets the Nativity in the barrio

By Lesley Valdes

Composer John Adams has made significant marks with provocative, contemporary themes; his first opera was "Nixon in China," his second, "The Death of Klinghoffer." But his new oratorio, "El Niño: A Nativity Story," as the title suggests, examines a very old — and sacred — subject.

"El Niño" was born last month at the Chatelet Theater in Paris, in a production led by Adams' longtime collaborators, conductor Kent Nagano and stage director Peter Sellars.

Last Thursday, "El Niño" received its U.S. premiere in a semi-staged production at Davies Hall. Just as in Paris, the scheduled soloists were the distinguished Dawn Upshaw, Willard White and Lorraine Hieberson, and three counter-tenors from the Theater of Voices.

At the Chatelet, Nagano led the Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, of which he is music director; at Davies, Nagano conducted the San Francisco Symphony and Chorus, which in collaboration with the Chatelet, New York's Lincoln Center and London's Barbican, commissioned the project.

"El Niño" is a sung narrative about the birth of Christ, a kind of 21st-century "Messiah." Unlike Handel's 18th-century masterpiece, which still dominates holiday music-making, Adams' work mingles texts from the New Testament with the fantasy-laden Gnostic Gospels and with poetry by Mexico's remarkable Rosalva Castellanos and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz. The work is sung in English and Spanish, and superlatives are projected.

"It's multicultural, but the intention was not to be PC," the composer said with a chuckle in San Francisco shortly before the world premiere. "And how in the 21st century can we possibly talk about birth without the woman's point of view?"

The Chatelet production earned high marks for both music and Nagano's conducting. For the stage direction of the ever-controversial



JOHN ADAMS' (left) "El Niño," directed by Peter Sellars, right, is coming to Davies Symphony Hall this week. S.F. Symphony executive director Brent Assink is shown between them.

'EL NIÑO: A NATIVITY STORY'

■ **WHAT:** U.S. premiere of the oratorio by John Adams in a production by Peter Sellars; performed by the San Francisco Symphony and Chorus, with Dawn Upshaw, Lorraine Hieberson, Willard White and Theater of Voices; Kent Nagano, conductor

■ **PRODUCERS:** San Francisco Symphony and Chorus, the Chatelet, Lincoln Center and the Barbican Centre

■ **WHERE:** Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave., S.F.

■ **WHEN:** 8 p.m. through Saturday

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$28-\$80

■ **CALL:** 415-864-6000, www.sfsymphony.org

■ **RELATED EVENT:** Preconcert talk one hour before each performance; broadcast 8 p.m. Jan. 23 on KDFC-FM (102.1); a retrospective on John Adams' career runs Wednesday-April 14, the Performing Arts Library and Museum, 401 Van Ness Ave., S.F., 415-255-4800, www.sfpalm.org

Sellars, who helped Adams select the "El Niño" texts, the reception was mixed — from raves to scathing condemnations.

Because the oratorio will be per-

formed in as many concert venues as opera houses, Sellars has created a high-tech film to serve as scenery and set. A fully staged production includes a trio of dancers and choreo-

graphed gestures for the costumed singers.

Sellars has set this Nativity in a California barrio. Hispanic teen-age mothers in L.A., including one drawn into an erotic tryst with the Angel Gabriel, have drawn the ire of some reviewers. Writing for the Wall Street Journal, Heidi Waleston rated the Sellars' film "so trite and visually specific it sabotaged the work." She added, however, that the score "captured the intimacy, mystery and apocalyptic nature" of its subject.

"Mentioning Peter prompts the same response as if you had said 'abortion' or 'gun control,'" Adams noted last month in a talk at the Performing Arts Library and Museum (PALM) in San Francisco, which opened a major retrospective on the composer's work last Wednesday.

"I don't always agree with him,"

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EVENTS

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ONGOING EXHIBITS
"Our Place in the Universe," ongoing. A walking tour of the universe using 3-D technologies and featuring the Hologlobe on permanent loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

"Planetary Landscapes" Sculpting the Solar System, ongoing. Wander through a room of swirling atmospheres, bubbling calderas, and a sea of clouds in this exhibit of interactive sculptures by artist Ned Kahn.

"History of California Astronomy 1850-1950: Observatories, Telescope Makers and their Instruments," ongoing. Explore California's astronomical history through a display of telescopes, artifacts, and the histories of their makers, on loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

"The Origin and Meaning of Meteorites," ongoing. A mural by artists Joy Day and B.E. Johnson, accompanied by a case of meteorite samples.

"Visions of the Universe," ongoing. An exhibit of astronomical paintings by Joe Tucciarone, accompanied by images from the Hubble Space Telescope and the Anglo-Australian Observatory.

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"The Sky Tonight." A look at the current stars, constellations, and planets introducing Jupiter and Saturn, the Andromeda Galaxy, and the Milky Way. Through Jan. 31, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. \$8.75 general; \$6.50 seniors and children.

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"To Be An Astronaut." Venture inside the gates of NASA to experience the rigors of astronaut training. Through January: Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

"Antarctica." View penguins, seals, other exotic life forms, and scientific research stations established by countries from around the world at this mysterious icy expanse of the highest, driest and coldest continent. Through January: Tuesday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Friday 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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Lawrence Hall of Science —

"In The Dark," closing Jan. 15. This exhibit sheds light on the nocturnal forest, desert and swamp, a limestone cave, the deep sea, and the dark-as-night underground of an urban backyard.

"Math Rules!" ongoing exhibit. A math exhibit of hands-on problem-solving stations, each with a different mathematical challenge. Make mathematical ice-cream cones, use blocks to build three dimensional structures, make dodecahedron pies from a variety of mathematical shapes and stretch mathematical thinking.

"Within the Human Brain," ongoing installation. Visitors test their cranial nerves, play skeeball, master mazes, match musical tones and construct stories inside a simulated "rat cage" of learning experiments.

"Laser: The Light Fantastic," ongoing exhibit. Make a laser light show, work a supermarket-style laser, examine holograms and stop a laser beam barehanded.

"1492: Two Worlds of Science," ongoing exhibit. Explore European and Native American science and technology at the time of Columbus's voyage, through activities with number systems, navigation

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Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

Fall 2000 registration for Albany Preschool, 850 Masonic Ave., takes place on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Applications will be taken for the morning and afternoon programs in the order they are received. Priority is given to Albany residents. There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee to be paid at the time of registration. For more information, contact the preschool at 527-6403.

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: hlsinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rite," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education, drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experiential practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 844-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community

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Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters, The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first

Sign Language, has deep musical roots in the spirituals, hymns, gospel, and jazz and blues. Tickets: \$27.50 and \$2


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The local self-help group for Berkeley Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4053 for additional information.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.balf.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to home-bound seniors. Call 644-8590.

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group presents Dorothea Dorenz, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

Lecture/Workshop

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., presents author and activist Bill Mandel on Sunday, Jan. 21 10:30 a.m. This is a part of the center's Bagels and More Sunday Brunch and Lecture series. Admission including brunch: \$4 BRJCC members, \$5 public. For more information, call 848-0237.

The Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay, 2484 Shattuck Ave., Ste. 210, offers a two-hour workshop for high school seniors. Students will look at their decision making process and learn how to manage stress. Participants discuss life after high school, including how peer and parental relationships change, the completion and pressure to get into college, employment, and other post-graduation options. Call 704-7475 for more information.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-8370.

Learn Computer Applications for the "working" world using Windows '95 and '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0840 or visit the web site at www.ccoe.k12.ca.us/rop.

"What Is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragma Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Religion

Berkeley Buddhist Temple, 2121 Channing Way, hosts a spirituality workshop "On Death and Dying: Developing Insight through Spirituality and Acceptance" from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. The workshop focuses on easing the passage from life to death. Cost: \$20 per person, which includes a Japanese-style box lunch. For more information or to register, call Ken Kaji, 601-5394.

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m., in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

Theater, Dance & Film

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., presents "Deterrence," a film starring Kevin Pollak as the nation's first Jewish president on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2-4:30 p.m. As president Pollak deals with the issues of the Middle East war and a nuclear crisis of his own making. The film was written and directed by Rod Lurie. A peer-led discussion follows the movie. \$2 suggested donation. For more information, call 848-0237.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a January Festival of Latin American Music and Dance beginning Saturday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m. Flaminco Y Mas perform with dancers Mercedes Metal and Carola Zertuche, and tribal belly dancer Jill Parker. The dancers are accompanied by the group Potaje, an ensemble featuring original repertoire based on Flamenco and Cuban Charanga. Tickets: \$14 advance, \$16 at the door. Call 925-798-1300 for more information.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., continues its forty-first season with the British comedy "There Goes the Bride," Jan. 19 through Feb. 24. The day of his daughter's wedding Timothy Westbury gets a bump on his head and craziness ensues. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. The opening night performance is followed by a champagne reception with the cast and crew. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 youth (16 and under with identification.) For reservations, call 524-9132.

The Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond, presents "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," by Steve Martin, Jan. 19 through Feb. 24. The place is a Parisian bar. Two great geniuses of the 20th century, the passionate Pablo Picasso and the fiery Albert Einstein, lock wits in a hilarious battle of ideas about painting, probability, lust and the future of the world. All seats \$12. For reservations, call 232-4031.

La Pena Cultural Center and Cafe, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents Salsa dancing with Mazacote featuring Louie Romero on Saturday, Jan. 13, 6:15 p.m. Fee: \$10. Salsa Dance Class with Rachel Davidman is at 8:15 p.m. Class and Dance, \$13. For more information, call 849-2568, ext. 15.

Cal Performances presents AEROS, a fusion of art and athleticism, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21 at UC Berkeley Campus Zellerbach Hall. AEROS features choreographers Daniel Ezralow, David Parsons, and Moses Pendleton in collaboration with the creators of "Stomp" and members of the Rumanian gymnastics team. Tickets, \$20 and \$32, are available through the Cal Performances ticket office at Zellerbach Hall. To charge by phone, call 642-9988. The Sunday performance features half-price tickets for children ages 16 and under. For more information, call 642-0212.

Pacific Film Archive presents the Ninth Children's International Film Festival on Sundays, Jan. 14, and 21 and Feb. 4, 11, 18, and 25. Sunday matinee programs present some 20 animated and live-action features and shorts. The screenings take place at the New PFA theater at UC Berkeley campus, 2575 Bancroft Way near Bowditch Street. Admission is \$4 for adults and children. For further information about programs or tickets, call PFD at 642-1412.

The Pacific Film Archive offers a course in film history "Film 50: History of Cinema," 3 to 6 p.m. beginning Jan. 17 and continuing through May 2. Call 642-5249 for more information.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., presents "Fall," a coming-of-age comedy by Bridget Carpenter, Wednesday, Jan. 24, through Sunday, March 11. Tickets: \$15.99 to \$51. For ticket information, call 847-2949, or visit the Web site at www.berkeleyrep.org.

Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130.

Family Folkdancing takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schult Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

Swing Dance Classes! Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and

Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

Classes

Vista Community College, 2020 Militia St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

Vista Community College, 2020 Movie St., offers a series of international business classes and workshops beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16. The classes are designed for entry-level students, entrepreneurs and seasoned trade professionals. Call 981-2852 for more information.

Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St., begins its spring 2001 semester on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Enrollment is open now through Saturday, Jan. 27. Register in the Internet at www.peralta.cc.ca.us or at the college.

Registration times are Mondays and Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesdays, through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Enrollment for short-term mid-semester classes is open until the day class begins. Call 981-2852 for more information.

Assets Senior Employment offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

The Albany YMCA offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see www.juliamorgan.org or call 845-8542 for a brochure.

The Berkeley Adult School (BAS) offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.

The South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

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Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for nonmembers; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

The van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

A CopWatch class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

Berkeley Community Media (BCM), Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dance classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjial Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all

women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Caribbean, bellydance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month: Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Volunteers

American Cancer Society seeks volunteers for its Daffodil Days. Until March 8, daffodils, the first flower of spring and the symbol of hope for a cancer-free world—will be sold to benefit the American Cancer Society's groundbreaking research, community education, legislative advocacy and patient service programs. Volunteers can help by distributing order forms; organizing daffodil sales in the workplace or community; planning flower delivery routes, arranging bouquets or delivering flowers. For more information call 1-877-691-HOPE.

The Alcohol Research Group (ARG) is conducting a study, funded by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The goal of the study is to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment; medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. The study is called the SMART Project. Interested parties may call 1-888-249-8602 for more information.

The Crisis Support Services of Alameda County needs volunteers to provide telephone crisis intervention. The agency needs motivated committed people to serve its 24-hour crisis lines. No prior experience required. Excellent training provided. Call 848-1515 for more information.

Volunteers are needed at the Alameda County Community Food Bank to staff emergency food referral service, the Hunger Hotline. Shifts are available on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Call volunteer coordinator Mary Schoen at 834-FOOD for more information and a current volunteer

newsletter.

Contra Costa County Volunteer Center is continually seeking able volunteers. 21 years old and want to spend time with youth. Training will be provided. Screening of all applicants is required by the Probation Department. Interested, call Kat Thompson, Director of Volunteers in Probation 925-4187 or email kathompson@ccdc.org.

The City of Albany Recreation Community Services Department is seeking experienced fitness instructors in many areas of exercise including Tiny tot tumbling, gymnastics, aerobics, youth fitness, and yoga. If you have experience and have taught courses in recreation, call John Medley, 9283 or come by the Albany Community Center at 1249 Main Avenue for an instructor application.

UC Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers who are interested in plants and who would like to learn about the Garden. Knowledge of plants is useful, but not required. Prior teaching experience is helpful, but not essential. Principles are to like plants and to help people. The training teaches the Garden and how to lead tours. Call 843-11924 for more information and application.

The Richmond Public Library is seeking Docents to teach Internet and to provide hands-on library patrons. Volunteers are for the main library Adult Department, the Children's Department, and Bayview or West Side branches. Volunteers agree to work for at least one hour per week for a three month period. Internet skills, including knowledge of Netscape Navigator, Internet Explorer, and the ability to use word processing are well as required. Applications are available at the information desk in the main library or at the two branches. For more information, call 620-6561.

Women's Daytime Drop-in at Berkeley, needs volunteers who serve women who are homeless. a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Volunteers are needed for day and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 548-9333.

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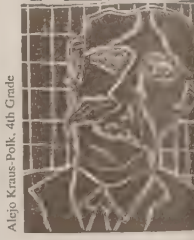
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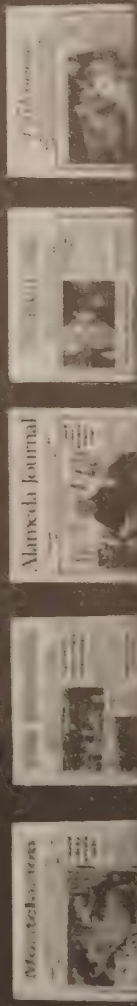
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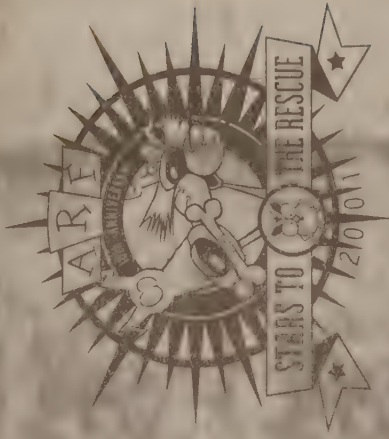
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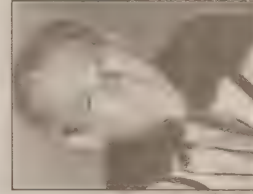


ARF'S Stars to the Rescue X

January 20, 2001

7:00 p.m.

Paramount Theatre
 Oakland



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and animals rescuing people...

In 1991, my wife, Elaine, and I created the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) to address the needs of companion animals within Contra Costa County. Now, as we celebrate ARF's 10th anniversary, we are very proud of the comprehensive array of programs ARF has developed to promote the role of companion animals in society. At the core of the organization is a commitment to the rescue, rehabilitation and placement of homeless animals. Alongside these traditional humane goals, ARF has also developed programs that address the social service needs of vulnerable populations such as victims of violence, those at risk for a lifetime of crime, the elderly and ill, and abused children.

It is necessary to provide pet rescue, adoption and population control to provide all companion animals with a stable and loving home in which to complete a natural life span. During ARF's first year, we placed a total of 42 cats and dogs in loving homes. I am pleased to report ARF's adoption numbers are on the rise. During 2000, we placed more than 1,100 cats and dogs into committed homes, 554 of which were within hours of being euthanized. In addition to the placement of these healthy cats and dogs, we found homes for 10 rabbits, three guinea pigs, two rats, five geese, one iguana and one python! These animals would otherwise have faced almost certain euthanasia due to the chronic overcrowding at public animal shelters. In 1999, more than 11,000 animals were euthanized in Contra Costa County alone. But with ARF's help, the euthanasia rate within the county is on the decline. ARF currently has 150 active foster volunteers who enable us to care for up to 300 animals without the use of a shelter, and we are always looking for more volunteers. This is imperative, as our Animal Hotline receives more than 200 calls per day from the community seeking our help in placing or adopting pets. Additionally, through our aggressive spay/neuter campaign, we are truly having a profound impact on the reproduction of companion animals. In 2000, ARF introduced a new campaign targeting Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes and we were able to spay/neuter 87 of these dogs.

Tony & Elaine La Russa

ARF's programs respond to the immediate needs of animals that have been neglected, abused or deprived of love. Paralleling these goals, ARF's efforts also address the more daunting challenges of a world that needs to reconnect with the sanctity of life. What has emerged are innovative programs that not only impact today's realities, but also embody the vision of a better future - one where animals are respected for the unique role they can and do play. ARF's Adoption, Spay/Neuter, Emergency Medical Fund (EMF), Animal All Stars, Best Medicine, Teaching Loving Care (TLC), Food Share, and Save-a-Pet programs are designed with the goal of making the world a better place to live, one animal at a time.

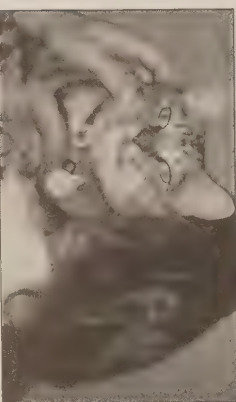
ARF's Emergency Medical Fund has made a significant impact on the quality of life of companion animals in Contra Costa County. This program provides veterinary and other services for sick and injured animals whose owners are currently financially stressed. For many of these cherished pets, EMF is their last hope. In 2000, this program helped 575 individuals provide for their pets, using donations from generous community members and a dedicated team of volunteers.

We are also very excited about our two newest People Connect programs. Animal All Stars offers a learning experience that goes beyond traditional classroom and animal visit programs. Animal All Stars is a five-day program that teaches children the importance of the needs of companion animals. Each child is given a stuffed animal to foster for the week. Lessons in math show how much it costs to give a pet a home. Grooming and playtime are also discussed as the children discover that a commitment to a pet is for life. ARF's other new program, Teaching Loving Care (TLC), is held at the Chris Adams Girls' Center, a 20-bed annex to Contra Costa County's juvenile hall. Troubled girls within the system are given the opportunity to feed, groom and care for animals supplied by ARF. By learning to care for a helpless animal, the girls experience responsibility, unconditional love and nurturing. ARF hopes the animals will give these girls something to love that will love them back and help them to gain confidence in themselves. The goal of the Teaching Love Care program is to offer these young girls a chance to be successful.

ARF has come a long way since starting out in retail space at the Willows Shopping Center in 1992. Construction on our new state-of-the-art facility, located in the Shadelands Business Park, will begin in March 2001, with the doors opening in Fall 2002. ARF's new Adoption and Education Center will allow us to help thousands of animals while moving toward our ultimate goal of no more homeless, unwanted pets. The new Pavilion will allow ARF to host a wide variety of programs involving large numbers of people and animals, ranging from dog training classes to seminars and humane education presentations. The goal of ARF's new building is to create a base of operations for ARF's expanding array of programs, and to provide a community resource for people of all ages to enjoy positive interaction with animals. We hope that ARF will serve as a resource for individuals and organizations across the country who want to make a difference in their own community.

The generosity of all our donors, both corporate and individual, will continue to help ARF to help animals and people in need for years to come. We depend on the compassion of our supporters and we invite you to help people rescuing animals and animals rescuing people." Thank you very much for your support.

Tony La Russa



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Building a Wonderful Future for ARF and the Animals

building exterior. The new ARF campus will reach out to the community, bringing people and animals together in a family-oriented, park-like setting.

When Tony and Elaine founded ARF ten years ago, little did they know that their personal passion would grow into a nationally respected organization known for creating groundbreaking programs and getting great results.

Ten years of growth have placed ARF squarely at the door of our next great adventure: building a state-of-the-art new home for ARF's animals and programs. Our new 33,000-square-foot facility will be located on a beautiful 6.4-acre, tree-studded parcel just down the street from our current offices. Features include an Adoption and Education Center, spay/neuter clinic, Learning Center, classroom and Training Pavilion. We break ground in Spring 2001 and open our doors in Fall 2002.

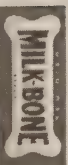
Building ARF's dream will take a major financial investment. As a nonprofit, ARF is supported entirely by contributions from the community. Our capital campaign has already received significant contributions from board members and other community leaders. To finish raising the funds we need, we will need an outpouring of support from animal lovers. The good news is, ARF already has 30,000 donors from every state in the nation, and strong local support in the Bay Area as well.

We will be asking local animal lovers to step forward to help us during this important time in ARF's history. A variety of naming opportunities are available, as a wonderful way to honor a loved one (pet or human), or demonstrate to the community your own love of animals.

When you come to Stars to the Rescue, be sure to visit our building display in the lobby and learn more about our capital campaign. For more information on the campaign, call Marianne Moore at (925) 296-3101.

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Suzuki XL-7 affordable 9-passenger SUV

Keane on Wheels
By Tom Keane

Years after introducing the Acura Integra, a small sport utility vehicle, Suzuki has created a power window, stylish nine-passenger SUV. This one is called the XL-7. It's a nine-passenger sport utility vehicle that's extremely large. As a result, it's difficult to maneuver, especially in parking lots where the aisles are tight.

When driving the Grand Vitara XL-7, drivers find parking is a bit of a challenge. Let's get to the first point that caught my attention: the exterior.

First impression: strength and power. The XL-7 — with its chrome grille, door handles, and door moldings — has clean attractive styling.

Compared to other SUVs of similar size, the Suzuki XL-7 rear doors are easy to open, making access to the second and rear seat easier. The XL-7 has a power window and air conditioning system built just over the second row.

It's a point to ride both in the second row and rear seat, to see how it was a draft. I found the outboard door direct the air upward or downward, away from one's neck. I found adequate roominess, in-



SUZUKI'S XL-7 — with its chrome front grille, door handles, and door moldings — has clean attractive styling, combining strength and power with aerodynamic lines.

cluding leg room in both rows of seat.

Should seven passengers be aboard, the storage area is limited, but there are tie-down bars on the roof if there is need to carry luggage or whatever.

The storage area has more than enough space for a shopping cart full of groceries and would be easy to load. Incidentally, with either side of the rear seat folded down, there is additional storage space, plus storage under the cargo deck, as well as

under the seats.

Both front seats have an individual adjustable center armrest and all the seats are covered with an attractive fabric.

Although the seat movement is manual, the controls are easy to op-

erate and the view from this 68-inch-high vehicle is excellent. For steering comfort, the XL-7 has a tilt steering wheel.

Built on a full-ladder frame, this

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Drive, she Said



By Denise McCluggage

Ways to enrage motorists

I have a T-shirt that reads: "Am I the only one on this planet who can DRIVE?" But I wear this shirt only when I am chopping onions or painting the bedroom ceiling. Imagine experiencing even a fender-bender while wearing such a shirt. At best it would make for some nervous laughter while sharing insurance information.

Nonetheless, the sentiment on the shirt is one I probably share with probably 90 percent of the drivers on the road. How can that be? Maybe, I suppose, it's because being a good driver is one of those "me and thee" sort of things.

You know, only me and thee get it right, and sometimes I have my doubts about thee.

Anyway, someone out there is being inattentive, inconsiderate, unskilled and stupid. And others are getting mad about the situation and retaliating with even less consideration

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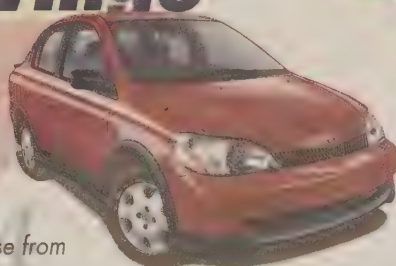


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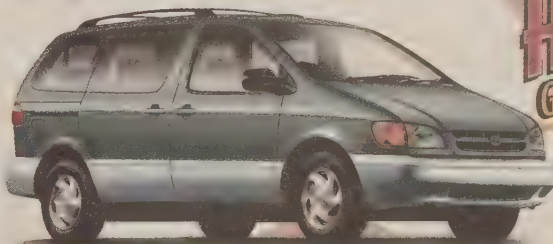
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Drive

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and more stupidity.

A few months ago, I wrote about driving behavior you might emulate if you missed being the target of road rage.

I meant to amuse as well as point out some driving habits that were less than delightful.

At least one reader got my point and sent me a list of even more stupid driver tricks that keep his blood at a even seethe.

He is John Zehaly, a Florida resident, who says he has seen all of the ones I mentioned and more.

Here are some additional behaviors certain to raise the ire of fellow motorists; some John suggested, and some I added on my own.

■ While driving, always maintain eye contact with the passengers you are talking to, especially if they are in the back seat.

■ When making a left turn out of a parking lot, make certain you do it from the right lane.

■ And if you do use your turn signal, activate it only after you've started the turn.

■ If your car is equipped with fog lights, be sure you always have them on: rain or shine, day or night.

■ In preparing to turn left on a green arrow, wait long enough before moving to make sure only you and maybe one other car makes it through before the light changes.

■ Wait even longer if the line behind you is really long.

■ In a parking lot, try to use two spaces, particularly if the lot is crowded.

■ If you can find only one space, place your car as far to one side as possible so no one can use the door of your neighboring car.

■ In a parking lot always drive the opposite way of the arrows.

If there are no arrows, check the angle of the parked cars and drive opposite to that.

■ If you are waiting for a space to open, be sure to stop so no other car can get past you.

And practice diving quickly for a space just opening, even though the driver of another car has been waiting patiently.

■ When approaching a stop sign, keep moving as quickly as possible until the last moment and then screech to a stop.

This maneuver greatly increases the heart rate of drivers in the cross street.

Agitated pedestrians are also fun to watch.

■ When pulling into a highway with sparse traffic, wait until a car is all but upon you before making your move. This strategy demands careful timing to avoid actually being hit. Then drive slightly below the speed limit until steam rises from the car behind.

■ If you are on a roadway with two lanes going your direction and cars in side streets or parking lots are waiting to enter, make sure you stay in the lane closest to them so they have to wait for you to pass.

■ If you are pulling into a parking lot off a highway with fast moving traffic, as soon as you are in the lot, stop as if deciding your next move.

This scheme is particularly effective if you notice a car behind you signaling to follow you into the lot. You can really hang him out to dry with wide-eyed innocence.

■ In a gas station, don't pull up to the farthest pump to make room for other cars; stop at the first pump. And preferably leave your car's tail hanging out far enough so no one can get around you.

■ If the station is busy, be sure and leave your car at the island while you visit the facilities or microwave a hot dog.

SPARE PARTS

Acura RS-X Coupe

Acura will debut its RS-X prototype, an exhilarating new sports coupe model, at the Detroit auto show.

Featuring a bold new look and advanced engine technology, the RS-X prototype has extremely short front and rear overhangs, slim A- and B-pillars, and a sharply-chiseled front fascia.

The three-door, four-passenger RS-X combines aggressive styling, exceptional aerodynamics and a wide muscular stance to communicate its serious sporting intentions.

The new model will replace the Integra.

Heading for the snow?

Slow down for winter driving. Driving at speeds considered safe under normal conditions can be dangerous during winter.

Snow and ice make stopping a vehicle much more difficult, so leave more room between you and the car or truck ahead.

Not all vehicles have the same handling qualities.

Be aware of how winter will affect your car's performance by checking with the owner's manual.

Cell phone ban

Before Japan banned the use of cell phones while driving, during the previous six months there were 1,473 accidents attributed to cell phone use in which 12 people died and 2,174 were injured.

In the first six months after the law went into effect, there were 580 auto accidents in which seven people died and 846 were injured.



ACURA RS-X COUPE, featuring a bold new look, will soon replace the Integra model.

Keane

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SUV has a somewhat sturdy ride. I use the word "somewhat" because it is not as solid as other SUVs of this size, and definitely not as solid as larger nine-passenger vehicles. Nor are the interiors of other vehicles as noisy. Yet the XL-7 doesn't cost as much as the other vehicles.

My tester, priced slightly over \$25,000, had an automatic transmission plus four-wheel drive with a two-speed transfer case, as well as 16-inch alloy wheels;

full-size spare; daytime running lights with an automatic lighting system; power windows, locks and mirrors; cruise control; privacy glass; and rear spoiler.

This SUV is powered by a 2.7-liter V-6 engine. Similar vehicles are powered with a four-cylinder engine. The XL-7 produces 170 horsepower and 178 pound-ft of torque. Another outstanding feature is being able to shift on the fly from two-wheel to four-wheel drive. The EPA mileage rating is 17 city and 20 highway.

Analyze those numbers and it will be hard to find any nine-seat sport utility of comparable value in other showrooms.

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ENGINE TYPE.....	V6 24-valve DOHC w/SFI
DISPLACEMENT.....	2.7-liter
HORSEPOWER (net).....	170 at 5500 rpm
TORQUE (pound-ft).....	178 at 4000 rpm
TRANSMISSION.....	4-speed automatic
WHEELBASE.....	110 in., 2794 mm
TREAD (front/rear).....	59 / 59 in., 1498 / 1498 mm
OVERALL LENGTH.....	183 in., 4648 mm
OVERALL WIDTH.....	70 in., 1778 mm
HEIGHT.....	68 in., 1727 mm
TURNING (curb-to-curb).....	38 ft., 11.8 m
CURB WEIGHT.....	2,748 lbs., 1246 kg
FUEL CAPACITY.....	17 gals., 64 L
EPA MILEAGE RATING.....	17 city, 20 highway
ASSEMBLY PLANT.....	Iwata, Japan
STRONG FEATURE.....	Engine performance
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SmarTire allows checking tire pressure while driving

Tire safety has become a growing concern for many motorists in light of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's recent report that approximately 250,000 accidents each year are caused by improperly inflated tires.

The SmarTire Systems of Canada, which has a wireless dashboard device that allows drivers to check tire pressure from the comfort of their driver's seat.

The company's first generation SmarTire system has not been set, but a spokeswoman for the company believes it will be about the same or less than the current model, which sells for \$299. For more information, contact the company at 604-276-9884 or visit www.smartire.com.

If you can't afford a sophisticated wireless tire monitoring system, Measurement Specialties, Inc. offers the Accutire brand of automotive tire gauges.

The Accutire product line includes a wide range of digital models, such as The Mechanic's Digital tire gauge that features an easy-to-read extra large backlit LCD display. It sells at a manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) of \$29.99.

The Accutire Standard Digital tire gauge with an easy-grip rubber handle sells for a MSRP of \$19.99, and the Digital Key Chain tire gauge lists for \$9.99.

Accutire also has a full selection of mechanical tire gauges ranging in price from \$1.99 to \$7.99. Accutire products are available at department, specialty and warehouse club stores including Sears, Target, Dillard's, Service Merchandise, Lord & Taylor, Costco, and Sam's Clubs,

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For more information visit the Measurement Specialties web site at www.msusa.com.

Hella, Inc. — makers of lighting, electronics, accessories, and safety equipment — offers the Airman line of air pump and compression products geared toward the automotive and recreational markets. The Air-

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By Gary McCoy

remote display that offers original equipment appearance with the same high-end features as the full-function display.

The full-function remote display can be mounted away from the dash with just the small remote display visible.

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man Leopard model is a dual system that includes an inflator for air mattresses, pool toys, and sports equipment, and a compressor for inflating vehicle tires. The Leopard model includes a wide variety of accessories: adapters, nozzles, a hose with a pressure control, two power options (12V power plug and a rechargeable 9.6V battery pack), and a storage case.

The Leopard sells for a MSRP of \$110 and is available at Sam's Clubs.

The Falcon model is a high-pressure tire pump. It features a lighted pressure gauge and a built-in work light.

It will inflate standard-sized tires in less than 10 minutes. It is available with a 12V power plug and sells for a MSRP of \$72.

The Lion model is a cordless multipurpose high-pressure inflator that can be used on car and bicycle tires, as well as sports equipment.

It operates with either a 12V

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Ford V-10 engine beefed up to handle extra power

Doctor: I am considering the purchase of a new Ford with the V-10 engine. I would like your opinion on the engine. Larry

Larry: The last V-10 Ford I had was a big pickup. This was huge and could pull just anything that could be pulled by a V-10.

The V-10 engine was smooth and plenty of pulling power. The automatic transmission was also beefed up to handle the extra power. This does not accelerate as quickly as you would think. Ford designed

the engine for long hauls and plenty of low end power.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Ford Taurus station wagon with only 66,000 miles. Every few months the windshield washer stops working. I wiggle the connections at the washer pump and eventually it starts working. Would you suggest replacing the washer motor, and how difficult is it to change? Thomas

Dear Thomas: The connection at the washer pump is most likely the problem.

The washer pump replacement is

simple on the Taurus. Just remove the reservoir assembly for both the radiator overflow and washer.

Drain out and save the washer fluid and coolant, if necessary. Remove the small metal snap ring, then the pump.

Make sure the reservoir is clean. Wet the O-ring seal on the new pump and slide it in. Replace the snap ring.

Clean the terminal connectors to the pump, reconnect the wires, bolt in the reservoir assembly, refill, and you're done.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 GMC

van with a 4.3-liter V-6 engine and automatic transmission. The van has 90,000 miles on it.

For the last 15,000 miles it has lost power after warming up. When the engine is cold the van will cruise at 70 miles per hour.

As soon as the engine warms up, I have to downshift at the slightest hill or head wind. Even from a stop, I have to put the gas pedal to the floor to start off.

The shop has done a major tune-up and even installed a new catalytic converter and fuel pump. There are

no trouble codes in the computer. If this were a non-computer van, I would say it reacts like the timing is not advancing. Can you help? John

Dear John: Your complaint doesn't sound like an internal engine problem.

The problem is either a blockage in the exhaust y-pipe muffler tail pipe, or a transmission problem.

A simple back pressure test when the engine is hot will confirm if this is the problem. If not, go to a transmission shop for a road test.

Dear Doctor: I read your article

about the problem with the new orange antifreeze. I am due to pick my new 2001 Buick in a couple of weeks. Should I add some anti-rust or ask the dealer to change the antifreeze back to the old green antifreeze? Victor

Dear Victor: The orange antifreeze problems I have seen are mostly in 1996 and 1997 models. I would not add any chemicals to the cooling system or suggest a change to the green antifreeze.

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1954 R-Type Bentley becomes a retirement project

Because everyone in William Thomas' car pool 30 years ago drove Cadillacs, they called themselves the Group DeVille. But the Cadillac was not in his future.

During the commute on days when Thomas was a passenger, he would mentally calculate the time left before he could retire. After deciding that there would be no need for him to work past 1971, he set about accomplishing two tasks.

First, he wanted to find something — perhaps a hobby — to occupy his newfound hours of leisure.

During the years of commuting, he passed a car lot that specialized in British motor cars and had become enamored of the R-Type Bentleys that sometimes were on display. The R-Types were built from 1952 to 1955.

Secondly, he determined to keep checking the car lot for an old Bentley. In November of 1972, three right-hand-drive R-Type Bentleys suddenly appeared — directly from England. "There were three on the lot," Thomas recalls. "One of them was a real junker."

What a great car for a handy retiree with plenty of time. He purchased the rust-plagued 1954 R-Type Bentley as it sat in a puddle of automatic transmission fluid that had leaked out.

The leaking transmission was repaired at a commercial garage. When the bill was presented, Thomas vowed that would be the last time he would pay for labor on his Bentley.

Rusty parts of the body were replaced with healthy steel. Especially cancerous were areas on the rear fenders. Even the rear springs were rusty.

Thomas discovered that his car had left the factory at Crewe wearing a coat of dark blue. The car was a two-tone medium green and silver

Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

when he bought it. When all the body work and body-putty messiness was concluded, Thomas stripped his Bentley down to bare metal. He even removed the sunroof before he repainted his Bentley in a subtle two-tone gray paint scheme.

Turning his attention to the interior of the typically well-appointed Bentley, he glued the sun visors back together and refinished the burl walnut dashboard, along with the Zambano window frames. Additionally, Thomas replaced all the glass except for the rear window, which has a defogger.

The 16-foot-long car features two heaters and a bolster on the floor for the comfort of the rear seat passengers.

When purchased, the Bentley's odometer indicated it had traveled 60,000 miles — or, as Thomas questions, "was it 160,000 miles?" That's a mystery figure we'll never know. With all the cosmetic tasks tended to, Thomas gave the mechanics a thorough physical examination.

The whisper-quiet F-head, 260-cubic-inch, six-cylinder engine is fed by a pair of S.U. carburetors. A trouble light on the fire wall is positioned to help troubleshoot any problems.

Although the speedometer is calibrated to record speeds up to 110 mph, Thomas has his doubts. "I think it'll do 100," he said. "At 60 it's just warming up." Not a bad testament for a car nearing 50 years of age.

Bringing the 4,235-pound Bentley to a halt is the chore assigned to the hydraulic front brakes working in conjunction with the mechanical rear brakes.



A BENTLEY FROM 1954 stands 5½ feet tall, 16 feet long, weighs 4,235 pounds, and still goes 100 miles per hour with a quiet F-head 260-cubic inch six-cylinder engine fed by two S.U. carburetors.

Riding on a lengthy 120-inch wheelbase supported by 6.50x16-inch tires, the luxurious — yet nimble — car can be turned in a 41-foot, 2-inch circle.

Positioned behind the steering wheel, the driver can't help but notice how small and dainty is the rearview mirror in comparison to the rest of the car.

Thomas points out that the mirror is tiny because the rear window is tiny as well. A larger mirror wouldn't be of any greater use.

The starter is on the dashboard. When activated, it brings the engine to life with the fan drawing air through the 19 vertical louvers in the grille.

A single pilot ray light — with a

double-filament bulb — which turns in the direction the front wheels are turned, is mounted in front of the grille. Thomas guesses he completed the restoration of his Bentley in 1974 or 1975, insofar as an antique car is ever completed.

He still changes the 10 quarts of oil the crankcase holds and enjoys sunny-day cruises. Thomas and his

wife like to motor through the countryside in their state-of-the-art Bentley with the odometer at 96,000 miles.

The only complaint concerns the traffic lights. "The semaphore arms are more of a hindrance. People stop to look at them."

Rendezvous: Buick's first sport utility vehicle ever

When the 2002 Buick Rendezvous goes on sale in the spring, it will mark a couple of historical milestones for the General Motors' division: it will be Buick's first truck in nearly 80 years and its first sport utility vehicle ever.

Buick, with its all-car product line, has missed out on the boom of truck-type vehicles, which now account for roughly half of all vehicle sales.

Admittedly late to the sport-utility party, Buick claims the Rendezvous offers a unique proposition from other luxury sport utilities by offering three-row seating for up to seven passengers, a flat-load floor like the one found in a mini-van all-wheel drive, and car-like ride and handling.

On the outside, the Rendezvous bears a likeness to the Lexus RX 300, though it is bigger than the Lexus.

The Rendezvous bears traditional Buick design cues, including the oval-shaped grille, but they are executed slightly differently from those on its cars to give this sport utility

vehicle a contemporary look.

Inside, the Rendezvous leans toward elegance more than ruggedness.

The needles and numbers are set in a polished silver face, like an expensive watch. The needles have a unique touch of turquoise that suggests a precious stone.

The available head-up display allows the driver to see critical information, such as speed, projected onto the windshield.

A clever center console is open underneath, providing an ideal storage spot for a small purse or camera case.

The console has a lockable storage compartment and space for a cell phone. Four audio systems are available, including one with controls and headphones for rear-seat passengers.

The Rendezvous comes with two front bucket seats. The second row seat can be two captain's chairs or a three-across, 50-50 split bench seat. The third-row seat, which accom-

modates two adults, is optional. It can be folded flat with the release of a single lever for additional cargo space.

The second row seats also can be flipped and folded for more room.

Though categorized as a truck by federal agencies, the Rendezvous meets the more stringent car safety standards.

It is outfitted with dual-stage front airbags, which deploy at the power appropriate to the severity of the crash, and standard front side airbags, which protect the head and thorax. Bosch anti-lock brakes also are standard.

Major safety and security options include a tire inflation monitoring system, a rear parking assist which uses four ultrasonic sensors to warn the driver of obstacles behind the vehicle. HomeLink for remote opening of garage doors and security gates, and GM's OnStar communications and information system.

The Rendezvous is available in two trim levels: the base CX is front-

wheel drive with all-wheel drive as an option; the CXL has standard all-wheel drive.

The models vary in features they offer. A number of features, including the lighting and door locking, can be customized to the driver. Optional convenience features include a storage compartment underneath the cargo floor for stowing valuables,

like cameras, out of sight, and an automatic level control system with an auxiliary air compressor outlet.

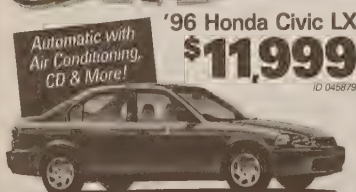
The Rendezvous is built on the same architecture as the Pontiac Aztek, introduced last summer.

The new platform is loosely derived from the platform used for

2002 Rendezvous is Buick's first truck in nearly 80 years.

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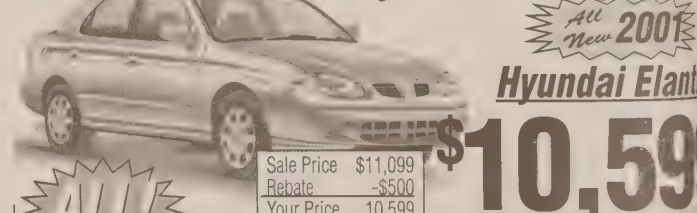
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FROM PAGE D3

Now GM has found the problem and has addressed it.

Dear Doctor: I purchased a 1988 Buick Wildcat with 125,000 miles. The engine has plenty of power and runs well. The problem is a vibration. What do you think the vibration could be? Tony

Dear Tony: When I hear a vibration from the front of the car, it usually means a cylinder misfire problem caused from either a vacuum leak or a weak engine.

Some rare cases the problem may be a worn camshaft lobe. Usually an ignition problem will also act up while the vehicle is in motion, especially during acceleration.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Buick Wildcat. I have a recurring problem with the rear drum brakes. When I have the rear brakes adjusted, the brake pedal seems fine and all wheels work when stopping the car. After several weeks, however, the brake pedal is not as firm or as high when stopping. If I set the parking brake over night, the brake pedal is firmer and higher — for a

while. Also when the brake pedal is high, occasionally the ABS will engage when stopping. What is the problem? John

Dear John: The brake pedal on your Buick and other late model vehicles equipped with anti-lock brakes will not be as high or seem as firm as those on older models we are used to.

This doesn't mean you don't have a problem with your car. By having the rear brake shoes manually adjusted too tight, the brake shoes are very close to the brake drum and in some cases actually rubbing against the drum.

This rubbing will cause the rear wheels to lock up and energize the ABS system when stopping.

I would not keep adjusting the rear brakes. You may also want to get a second opinion from another repair shop. This is a fairly common complaint.

Dear Doctor: I recently purchased a 2000 Ford Explorer XLT. I always change the oil myself. I'm puzzled as to where the grease fittings are. It appears everything is sealed. How can this be? How long will the parts last? Warren

Dear Warren: The absence of grease fittings is not new.

Most late model cars and lighter SUV's do not have grease fittings. The life expectancy of these sealed front end parts has been short.

The newer models like yours have better sealing and long life lubrication.

Most replacement parts have grease fittings.

I have no idea why the manufacturers use the unserviceable design. This situation is not just present on domestic vehicles; it is on import vehicles as well.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Ford Explorer and previously owned a 1994 Explorer.

I have the same problem with the 1998 as I did with the 1994. When I fill up the gas tank after the first auto shut off, I continue to fill it up slowly, it will take 5 to 7 gallons more fuel.

I have been back to the dealer and he said there is nothing wrong. What can you advise? Ron

Dear Ron: This complaint is common. With the high volume of gasoline coming out of the gas dispenser, a lot of gas pressure and vapor build up in the gas tank.

This causes the automatic fill nozzle to click off. If you were to fill the tank slowly from the start, the initial shut off would not occur.

It is not recommended to top off the gas tank of any vehicle because it can damage the evaporative parts of the emission control system.

Also, always shut the engine off while refueling. The "check engine" light will come on in most new vehicles if the gas cap is removed while the engine is running.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

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GM's mini-vans.

Like the Aztek and GM's mini-vans, the Rendezvous is powered by a 3.4-liter V-6 engine, which generates 185 horsepower and 210 pounds-ft of torque. The engine is paired with a four-speed automatic transmission.

Buick estimates the Rendezvous' fuel economy at 19 miles per gallon city and 26 miles per gallon highway for front-drive versions, and 18 and 25 for the all-wheel-drive model.

The Rendezvous uses an independent rear suspension for a car-like ride. Some suspension components have been borrowed from the Pontiac Grand Prix and Buick Regal sedans.

The Rendezvous will be one of the first vehicles to offer Versatrak, GM's new all-wheel-drive system. It also will be offered on the Aztek and GM's mini-vans. Most of the time, the Rendezvous operates in front drive. Versatrak adds torque to the rear wheels on slippery roads. Buick estimates 70 percent of Rendezvous sold will be equipped with Versatrak. The Rendezvous also can be outfitted with a trailer package that allows it to tow up to 3,500 pounds.

Buick won't announce the price of its Rendezvous — built at its Ramos Arizpe, Mexico, plant — until it is about to go on sale. However, Buick officials assure its price will be "a number of thousand dollars" under the price buyers typically pay for the Lexus RX 300, Mercedes-Benz M-Class and the new Acura MDX. Transaction prices run between \$37,000 and \$42,000.

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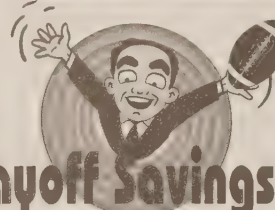
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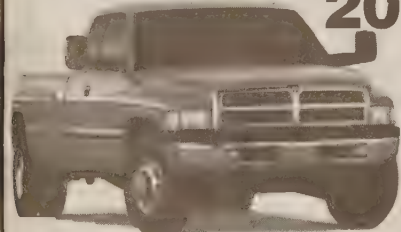
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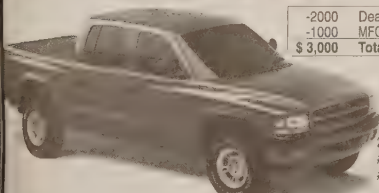
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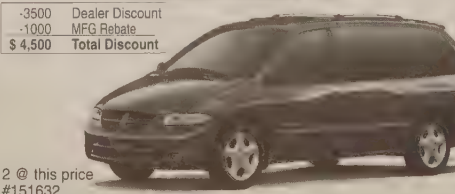
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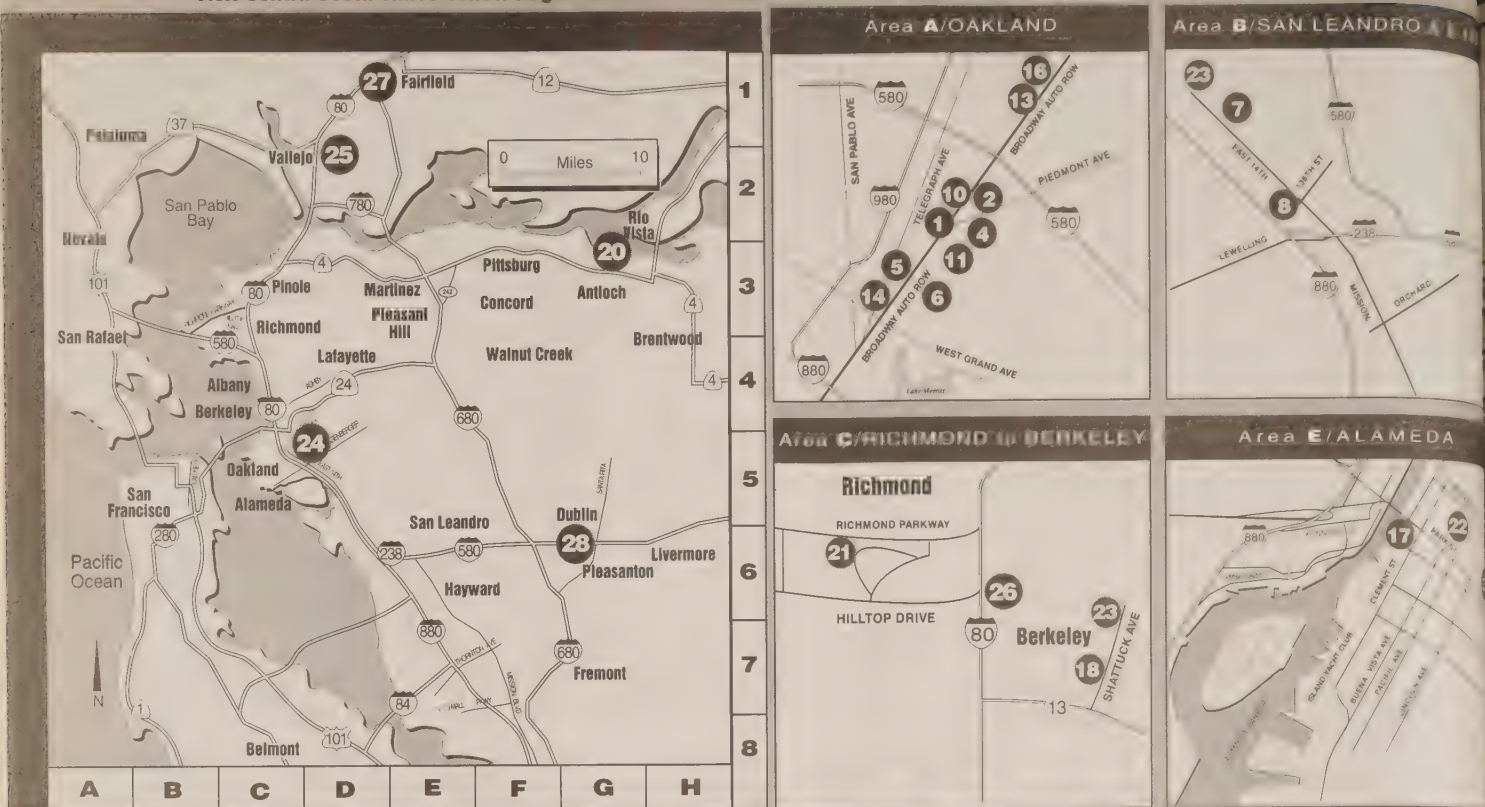


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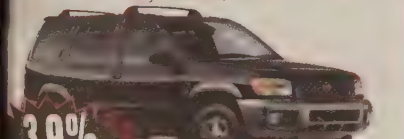
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Dishing it out: Jelly Bombs

By Jane Snow
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

Remember when chocolate truffles were the ultimate in candy? That was last week, before Jelly Bombs stole my heart.

Jelly Bombs are delicate, quivery treats spiked with liqueur and enrobed in chocolate.

When you bite through the brittle chocolate shell, the fresh fruit flavor explodes in your mouth.

In Europe, high-quality jelly candies are common, but they're hard to come by here. That makes these all the more special.

While most jelly candies are made with gelatin, these are thickened with pectin.

The difference this makes in the texture of the candies is startling. Gelatin candies are soft rather than rubbery.

They literally melt on your tongue. I became enamored of making Jelly Bombs after seeing a recipe in a cookbook.

Muddled with the ingredients and mixed up with a raspberry-cranberry liqueur spiked with raspberry liqueur, known as "framboise."

The centers are easy to make. Raspberry-cranberry juice, available at most supermarkets, is boiled in a saucepan with sugar and raspberry liqueur.

Liquid pectin is added and the mixture is boiled again.

The mixture is then poured into a pan and

left at room temperature until the jelly becomes firm.

This can take quite a while. The batch I made took a full 24 hours to gel to a consistency firm enough to dip.

The jelly never becomes as firm as gelatin, so it is tricky to coat with chocolate.

But if the chocolate is tempered properly — or if coating chocolate is used — the dipping goes smoothly.

Coating chocolate is available at candy-supply stores and in some supermarkets, and does not require tempering.

It doesn't taste as good as real chocolate, though.

If using regular chocolate, it must be tempered — that is, brought to a temperature of 110 to 120 degrees in a double boiler (use an instant-read thermometer), then cooled to 90 to 95 degrees, and held there over warm water.

If the chocolate cools to 77 degrees or lower, it must be reheated to 110 degrees.

After cooling, tempered chocolate is shiny and firm at room temperature.

These chocolates cannot be dried on wire racks, because the metal cuts through the delicate jelly.

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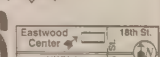
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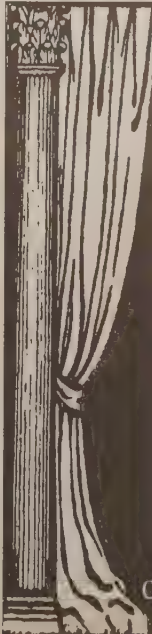
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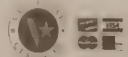
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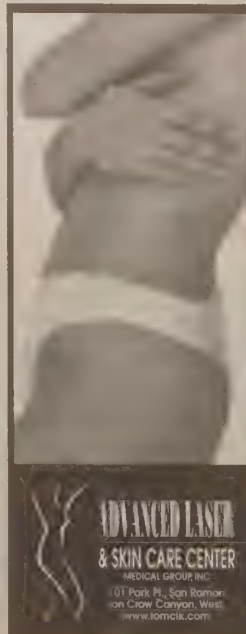
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Eight faves from 2000

By Carol Mighton Haddix
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Our favorite recipes are reprised for your cooking pleasure!

Looking back at this productive year, the Good Eating staff selected eight favorite Chicago Tribune recipes—those that tasted so good that we clipped the recipes to take home and cook again.

It surely was a difficult task, though. In a year of fine eating, how could we not include the wonderful milk chocolate pots de creme from Rhapsody restaurant? Or the spicy shrimp chowder featured in Tribune Magazine? Or the roasted chicken with shallots and tarragon from a Weekend Cook column?

But we managed to sort through the more than 400 recipes tested in our kitchen and come up with the year's best. Here they are again—now it's your turn to clip and save.

Roasted Chicken With Shallots And Tarragon

Preparation time: 5 minutes

Standing time: 30 minutes

Roasting time: 1 hour

Yield: 6 servings

Summer barbecuing is a great way to entertain, wrote Abby Mandel in her Weekend Cook column in July. But sometimes you want to prepare food ahead so you can enjoy your party; this roasted chicken works perfectly for those occasions, she wrote: "This version is one of the best that I have made."

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 broiler chickens, about 2 3/4 pounds each, trimmed of fat
2 tablespoons seasoned salt
1 tablespoon lemon pepper
2 large shallots, halved
1 small bunch tarragon

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Rub oil over surface and inside of chickens. Combine seasoning salt and lemon pepper in small bowl. Sprinkle chickens inside and out with salt and pepper mixture.

2. Place chickens, breast side down, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Fill cavity with shallots and most of the tarragon (use remaining tarragon for garnish), dividing evenly between chickens. Tuck wings under; tie legs together.

3. Roast until lightly browned, about 30 minutes. Remove from oven. Turn chickens breast side up. Roast until well browned and meat thermometer inserted between thigh and leg registers 180 degrees (or insert tip of knife to be sure juices run clear), about 35 minutes more, depending on size.

4. Remove shallots and tarragon; discard. Cut chickens in half, removing backbones with knife. Transfer chickens to platter; garnish with remaining tarragon. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 395, Fat: 26 g, Saturated fat: 7 g (percentage of calories from fat: 60), Cholesterol: 119 mg, Sodium: 1,700 mg, Carbohydrate: 1 g, Protein: 38 g.

Spicy Shrimp Chowder

Preparation time: 1 hour

Cooking time: 40 minutes

Yield: 10 main-course servings

A winter story on soup by Food

and Wine Columnist William Rice featured Courtenay High Tyler, a self-taught cook and baker who has been preparing fresh soups at John's Finer Foods in Chicago. This chowder is one of her favorites.

7 cups homemade or canned vegetable broth

1 pound medium shrimp, peeled, deveined, shells reserved

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 large onion, diced

3 medium carrots, peeled, diced

3 ribs celery, diced

1 tablespoon ground coriander

2 teaspoons ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper or less to taste

Salt, freshly ground black pepper

2 medium baking potatoes, peeled, diced

5 plum tomatoes, diced

1 package (10 ounces) frozen corn kernels

1 cup cream or half-and-half

1/2 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro

1. Heat vegetable broth to simmer in large saucepan. Add shrimp shells (set shrimp aside in refrigerator); simmer 10 minutes. Remove shells.

2. Heat oil in large pot; add onion, carrots and celery. Sauté until onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Add coriander, cumin, cayenne, and salt and pepper to taste and vegetable broth; heat to boil. Add potatoes, tomatoes and corn. Heat almost to simmer; cook until vegetables are tender, 20-25 minutes. Remove from heat; allow to cool slightly.

3. Transfer a third of the vegetables to food processor or blender; puree. Return puree to pan; add cream and shrimp. Cook over low heat until shrimp just turn pink, about 1 minute. Do not boil or shrimp will become tough. Serve hot in bowls; garnish with cilantro.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 175, Fat: 8 g, Saturated fat: 2.4 g (percentage of calories from fat: 38), Cholesterol: 60 mg, Sodium: 95 mg, Carbohydrate: 19 g, Protein: 9 g, Fiber: 3 g.

Chicken Potato Pancakes With Peach Salsa

Preparation time: 45 minutes

Cooking time: 55 minutes

Yield: 6 servings

In an August story about the growing popularity of white peaches in the Midwest, writer Kristin Eddy included the following savory appetizer. When peaches are not available, try substituting mangos or papayas in the salsa. Adapted from "Lee Bailey's Cooking for Friends."

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POTS DE CREME gained favor again in the year 2000 as a wonderful cusard dessert from the Chicago Tribune.

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Chicken Pancakes:
medium chicken thighs
freshly ground pepper
cups grated potato, squeezed

1 onion, grated
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup salt
1/2 cup freshly ground pepper
1/2 cup sauce
1/2 cup lightly beaten
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup salsa:
1/2 cup ripe peaches, peeled, diced
1/2 cup fresh lemon or lime

1/2 cup onions, chopped
1/2 cup tomatoes, seeded, cut in strips
1/2 cup onion, minced; jalapeno,
1/2 cup olive oil
1/2 cup sherry or red wine
1/2 cup honey
Heat oven to 375 degrees.
Place chicken thighs with salt and
pepper, place skin side up in bak-
ing pan. Bake 30 minutes. Reduce
heat to 300 degrees; cook until
chicken is cooked through, 15-20 min-
utes.

For salsa, toss peaches with
1/2 cup juice in medium bowl. Mix
onions, tomatoes, jalapeno
cilantro. Whisk together oil,
garlic and honey in small bowl.
Pour peach mixture; toss.
Remove meat from chicken;
drain. Roast, set aside. Mix to-
mato, onion, flour, salt, pep-
per and hot sauce to taste in
medium bowl. Stir in chicken; stir
until well combined.
Heat oil and butter in large
skillet. Pour 1/4 cup batter for each
pancake into skillet, patting down
to form patty. Fry until
bottom is browned, about 2 minutes. Turn; cook
other side, about 1 minute. Drain ex-

cess oil from salsa with slotted
spoon. Serve with warm chicken
pancakes.

Pineapple Cake With Warm Ginger-Pineapple Salsa

Preparation time: 50 minutes
Cooking time: 1 hour
Yield: 10 servings

In a June story, writer Kristin
Eddy described new breeding tech-
niques that result in more and more
produce on the sweet side. These
efforts include new varieties of mel-
ons, onions, young carrots, peas
and pineapple, which we used in the
following recipe. Sugary fresh
pineapple is nicely balanced in this
not-too-sweet cake, adapted from
"Allen Sussner's New World Cuisine
and Cookery."

Cake:

2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, soft-
ened
1/2 cup sugar
3/4 cup pure maple syrup
3 large eggs, separated
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 1/2 cups cake flour, sifted
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup whole milk
1 cup diced fresh pineapple
Ginger-pineapple salsa:
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 cup light brown sugar
1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
1/2 teaspoon each: ground cinna-
mon, vanilla extract
Pinch sea salt
1 piece star anise, crushed
2 cups diced fresh pineapple
1/2 cup macadamia nuts, chopped,
toasted, set aside

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. For
cake, beat butter in bowl of electric
mixer on high speed until pale and
fluffy, 3-4 minutes. Add sugar and
syrup; beat until well mixed. Scrape
down sides of bowl. Beat in egg
yolks one at a time until well mixed,
scraping down sides of bowl be-
tween yolks. Beat in vanilla.

2. Combine flour, baking pow-
der, cinnamon and salt in medium
bowl. Add to butter mixture alter-
nately with milk in three stages; mix
well. Add pineapple.

3. Beat egg whites in clean bowl
of electric mixer until stiff but not
dry; fold into batter in three stages.
Line greased and lightly floured 10-
by-8-inch loaf pan or 10-inch tube
pan with greased parchment paper
or wax paper; pour in batter. Bake
until cake tester comes out clean,
about 1 hour. Place pan on wire
rack to cool 15 minutes; unmold
cake onto wire rack. Cool com-
pletely before removing paper.

4. For salsa, melt butter in large
skillet over medium heat. Add
brown sugar and ginger; cook 1
minute. Stir in cinnamon, vanilla,
salt and star anise; mix well. Add
pineapple and nuts; cook until
warmed through, 3-4 minutes. Slice
cake. Serve with warm salsa.

Test kitchen note: To toast
macadamia nuts, heat skillet over
medium heat. Add nuts. Cook, stir-
ring often, until nuts are lightly
brown and begin to release their
fragrance, about 4 minutes. Do not
overcook.

Milk Chocolate Pots De Crème

Preparation time: 5 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes
Chilling time: 4 hours
Yield: 8 servings

2 cups (1 pint) whipping cream
3/4 cup milk
8 egg yolks
12 ounces milk chocolate

Despite the global splurge in nos-
talgia as the 20th Century turned
the corner, the Good Eating staff
remained unsatisfied on a few im-
portant points. Such as: Does any-
one still make red flannel hash
(which may make an appearance
in weeks to come). And what about
pots de crème? These custards were
traditionally served in tiny china
pots with lids. Who has those any-
more? But the dessert gained new

favor in 2000; it showed up on the
menu at Rhapsody and Erwin
restaurants in Chicago. This recipe
is from pastry chef Erika Masuda of
Rhapsody.

1. Heat 1 cup of the cream and
milk in heavy saucepan over low
heat, 5 minutes. Place egg yolks in
mixing bowl; beat briefly. Add 1 ta-
blespoon of the hot cream mixture,
stirring rapidly. Add 3 more table-
spoons cream, one at a time, to
warm the yolks. Add yolks to pan;
heat, stirring, until mixture reaches
175 degrees on instant-read ther-
mometer, about 10 minutes.

2. Melt chocolate in heavy
saucepan or double boiler over low
heat until smooth, about 5 minutes.
Blend into cream. Pour mixture into
8 custard cups or pots de crème
molds. Chill 4 hours.

3. Whip remaining cream to soft
peaks. Serve with pots de crème.

Butternut Squash Gratin with Onions and Sage

Preparation time: 25 minutes
Cooking time: 1 hour, 20 min-
utes

Yield: 6 servings

The following recipe was in-
cluded in a February article by free-
lance writer Elizabeth Lenhard
about the latest range technology.
Stoves and cooktops, she wrote,
have become "as sophisticated as a
souped-up SUV or the latest in
laptops." But this gratin is as homey
as Grandma's kitchen. It's adapted
from a recipe in "Vegetarian Cook-
ing for Everyone," by Deborah
Madison.

1/4 cup olive oil
1 large onion, thinly sliced

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Bombs

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pieces of the pieces by nestling
later in miniature cupcake
tins.

Jelly Bombs

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup cranberry juice
1/2 cup raspberry liqueur
1/2 cup (6 oz.) liquid pectin
1/2 cup chocolate bits
Cut two 8-by-13-inch rectangles
of waxed paper. Line an 8-inch-
square baking pan with one sheet,
leaving ends to extend over the
sides of the pan.

Place the second sheet over it,
in the opposite direction, so that the
bottom of the pan and the sides are
completely covered.

Combine sugar, juice and liqueur
in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over
medium heat, stirring to dissolve
sugar. Boil and stir for 3 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in the
pectin. Return to heat and bring to
a boil, stirring. Boil and stir for 1
minute. Pour into the prepared pan.
Allow to sit at room temperature for
at least 24 hours. When jelly is firm,
cut into bite-size squares. Using the
overhanging paper, lift jelly from
pan and place on a work surface.

Melt chocolate to 110 to 120 de-
grees in the top of a double boiler,
using an instant-read thermometer

to accurately measure the temper-
ature. Remove from heat and cool
to 90 degrees. Return to very low
heat, keeping temperature of choco-
late an even 90 to 95 degrees.

Place a jelly square on a fork and
dip into chocolate, coating com-
pletely. Transfer to another fork, let-
ting excess chocolate drip back into
pan. Place on waxed paper to dry.
Repeat with remaining jelly squares.
Store at room temperature or re-
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Makes about 36 candies.

Jane Snow is the Akron Beacon
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from stems
2 tablespoons chopped sage or 2
teaspoons dried
½ teaspoon salt plus more to taste
Freshly ground pepper
1 large butternut squash, cut into
½-inch cubes
½ cup flour
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 cup grated Gruyere or fontina
cheese
½ cup + 2 tablespoons heated milk
½ cup fresh bread crumbs
1 tablespoon butter, melted

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
Heat half of the oil in skillet over
medium heat. Add onion, thyme
and sage; cook, stirring frequently,
until onions are caramelized, about
15 minutes. Add ½ teaspoon salt
and pepper to taste. Spread in
greased 2-quart gratin dish.

2. Toss squash in flour in large
bowl. Heat remaining oil over
medium heat in skillet. Add squash
to skillet; cook, stirring often, until
brown, about 15 minutes. Add
parsley, salt and pepper to taste;
cook 1 minute. Spoon squash over
onion; cover with cheese. Pour milk
over cheese. Cover; bake 25 min-
utes. Sprinkle with bread crumbs;
drizzle with butter. Bake, uncovered,
until squash is tender, about 30
minutes.

**Halibut Baked With Leeks,
Apple And Lovage**

Preparation time: 25 minutes

Cooking time: 40 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

"Fresh herbs have an ardent fan
in Jerry Traunfeld," Assistant Editor
Renee Enna wrote in a spring re-
view of Traunfeld's "The Herbfarm
Cookbook." In addition to being an
author and avid herb gardener,
Traunfeld is executive chef at The
Herbfarm restaurant near Seattle.
3 medium leeks
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
¾ cup dry white wine
1½ cups unfiltered apple cider or
apple juice
¾ teaspoon salt

1 large tart apple, such as Granny
Smith, Jonagold or Braeburn, peeled,
cored, cut into 1/4-inch cubes
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped
fresh lovage, see note
2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
Freshly ground pepper
1½ to 2 pounds skinless halibut fil-
let or other medium-firm flaky fish
fillet
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, soft-
ened

1. Cut off and discard tops of
leeks at the point they turn from
light to dark green. Split bottom
portion lengthwise in half, keeping roots
attached so that layers will not fall
apart. Rinse thoroughly. Cut leeks
into 3-inch lengths, discard roots,
then slice each section into 1/8-inch
thick matchsticks.

2. Melt butter in large saucpan
over medium heat. Add leeks; cook,
stirring often, until they begin to
brown, about 10 minutes. Add
wine; cook until most of the liquid

evaporates. Add apple cider and
salt; gently boil uncovered until liq-
uid evaporates down to below the
level of the leeks in the pan, about
10 minutes. Stir in apple and lo-
vage. Stir in vinegar; add salt and
pepper to taste. Pour into ungreased
12-by-9-inch shallow baking dish.

3. Heat oven to 425 degrees.
Trim any dark gray flesh from skin
side of halibut fillet; remove any stray
bones. Cut fillet into 4 equal pieces;
sprinkle both sides with salt and pep-
per. Arrange fish fillets on top of
leeks; press down so that they are
almost submerged in the mixture but
their tops are not covered by it. Cut
a piece of parchment paper slightly
larger than the baking dish; smear it
with softened butter. Press it, butter
side down, directly on fish.

4. Bake fish until it is milky, firm
and just barely translucent at inside
center, 10-15 minutes. (Fish will
continue to cook once dish is re-
moved from oven.) Use spatula to
serve fish fillets; spoon some leeks
and sauce over each piece.

Note: Fresh lovage is hard to find
unless you grow it yourself. You can
substitute an equal amount of
coarsely chopped lemon thyme or
dill, or 1/4 cup coarsely chopped
fresh parsley.

**Grilled Cornish Hens With
Moroccan Spices**

Preparation time: 40 minutes

Marinating time: 2 hours or overnight

Cooking time: 30 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

For the Fourth of July, Good Eat-

ing ran a feature on the use of rubs,
marinades and sauces for grilling
meats and included this recipe. The
hens also can be successfully
roasted or broiled with the Moroc-
can seasonings. The recipe is
adapted from "Barbecue! Bible,"
by Steven Raichlen.

4 Cornish hens, about 1 pound each
1 onion, grated
3 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons each: chopped fresh
parsley, chopped cilantro, olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon each: cumin, paprika,
ground ginger, white pepper
Lemon wedges

1. Discard package of giblets and
fat inside body cavity of each hen.
Rinse hens inside and out. Drain;
pat dry with paper towels. Cut each
hen lengthwise in half. Place in large
baking dish. Set aside.

2. Whisk together onion, lemon
juice, parsley, cilantro, oil, salt,
cumin, paprika, ginger and pepper
in small bowl. Pour mixture over
hens; turn to coat thoroughly. Cover;
marinate in refrigerator 2 hours or
overnight, turning hens occasion-
ally. Remove hens from marinade;
place in large bowl or on platter.
Pour marinade into small saucpan.
Heat to boil; cook 5 minutes.

3. Heat grill to medium. Oil grill
grate. Cook hens 13-18 minutes per
side. Hens are done when golden-
brown outside and juices run clear
when pierced with knife. Serve im-
mediately with marinade drizzled
over hens. Garnish with lemon
wedges.

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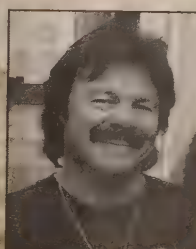
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In 1991, my wife, Elaine, and I created the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) to address the needs of companion animals within Contra Costa County. Now, as we celebrate ARF's 10th anniversary, we are very proud of the comprehensive array of programs ARF has developed to promote the role of companion animals in society. At the core of the organization is a commitment to the rescue, rehabilitation and placement of homeless animals. Alongside these traditional humane programs, ARF has also developed programs that address the social service needs of vulnerable populations such as victims of violence, those at risk for a lifetime of crime, the elderly and ill, and abused children.

It is necessary to provide pet rescue, adoption and population control to provide all companion animals with a stable and loving home in which to complete a natural life span. During ARF's 10th year, we placed a total of 42 cats and dogs in loving homes. I am pleased to report ARF's adoption numbers are on the rise. During 2000, we placed more than 1,100 cats and dogs into committed homes, 554 of which were within hours of being euthanized. In addition to the placement of these healthy cats and dogs, we found homes for 10 rabbits, three guinea pigs, two rats, five guinea pigs, one iguana and one python! These animals would otherwise have faced almost certain euthanasia due to the chronic overcrowding at public animal shelters. In 1999, more than 11,000 animals

were euthanized in Contra Costa County alone. But with ARF's help, the euthanasia rate within the county is on the decline. ARF currently has 150 active foster volunteers who enable us to care for up to 300 animals without the use of a shelter, and we are always looking for more volunteers. This is imperative, as our Animal Hotline receives more than 200 calls per day from the community seeking our help in placing or adopting pets. Additionally, through our aggressive spay/neuter campaign, we are truly having a profound impact on the reproduction of companion animals. In 2000, ARF introduced a new campaign targeting Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes and we were able to spay/neuter 87 of these dogs.

ARF's programs respond to the immediate needs of animals that have been neglected, abused or deprived of love. Paralleling these goals, ARF's efforts also address the more daunting challenges of a world that needs to reconnect with the sanctity of life. What has emerged are innovative programs that not only impact today's realities, but also embody the vision of a better future - one where animals are respected for the unique role they can and do play. ARF's Adoption, Spay/Neuter, Emergency Medical Fund (EMF), Animal All Stars, Best Medicine, Teaching Loving Care (TLC), Food Share, and Save-a-Pet programs are designed with the goal of making the world a better place to live, one animal at a time.

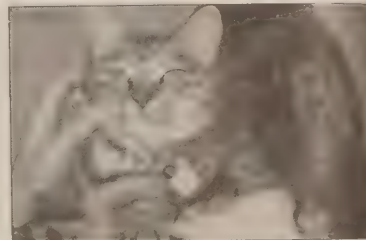
ARF's Emergency Medical Fund has made a significant impact on the quality of life of companion animals in Contra Costa County. This program provides veterinary and other services for sick and injured animals whose owners are currently financially stressed. For many of these cherished pets, EMF is their last hope. In 2000, this program helped 575 individuals provide for their pets, using donations from generous community members and a dedicated team of volunteers.

We are also very excited about our two newest People Connect programs. Animal All Stars offers a learning experience that goes beyond traditional classroom and animal visit programs. Animal All Stars is a five-day program that teaches children the importance of the needs of companion animals. Each child is given a stuffed animal to foster for the week. Lessons in math show how much it costs to give a pet a home. Grooming and playtime are also discussed. As the children discover that a commitment to a pet is for life. ARF's other new program, Teaching Loving Care (TLC), is held at the Chris Adams Girls Center, a 20-bed annex to Contra Costa County's juvenile hall. Troubled girls within the system are given the opportunity to feed, groom and care for animals supplied by ARF. By learning to care for a helpless animal, the girls experience responsibility, unconditional love and nurturing. ARF hopes the animals will give these girls something to love that will love them back and help them to gain confidence in themselves. The goal of the Teaching Love Care program is to offer these young girls a chance to be successful.

ARF has come a long way since starting out in retail space at the Willows Shopping Center in 1992. Construction on our new state-of-the-art facility, located in the Shadelands Business Park, will begin in March 2001, with the doors opening in Fall 2002. ARF's new Adoption and Education Center will allow us to help thousands of animals while moving toward our ultimate goal of no more homeless, unwanted pets. The new Pavilion will allow ARF to host a wide variety of programs involving large numbers of people and animals, ranging from dog training classes to seminars and humane education presentations. The goal of ARF's new building is to create a base of operations for ARF's expanding array of programs, and to provide a community resource for people of all ages to enjoy positive interaction with animals. We hope that ARF will serve as a resource for individuals and organizations across the country who want to make a difference in their own community.

The generosity of all our donors, both corporate and individual, will continue to help ARF to help animals and people in need for years to come. We depend on the compassion of our supporters and we invite you to help "people rescuing animals and animals rescuing people." Thank you very much for your support.

Tony La Russa



A \$25 ticket will pay for a spay/neuter to help prevent overpopulation.

Milk-Bone presents
Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation's

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January 20, 2001 - 7:00 p.m.
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Join us for a star-filled evening of entertainment, when
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Starring:

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being euthanized.*



Building exterior: The new ARF campus will reach out to the community, bringing people and animals together in a family-oriented, park-like setting

Building a Wonderful Future for ARF and the Animals

When Tony and Elaine founded ARF ten years ago, little did they know that their personal passion would grow into a nationally respected organization known for creating groundbreaking programs and getting great results.

Ten years of growth have placed ARF squarely at the door of our next great adventure: building a state-of-the-art new home for ARF's animals and programs. Our new 33,000-square-foot facility will be located on a beautiful 6.4-acre, tree-studded parcel just down the street from our current offices. Features include an Adoption and Education Center, spay/neuter clinic, Learning Center, classroom and Training Pavilion. We break ground in Spring 2001 and open our doors in Fall 2002.

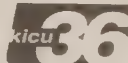
Building ARF's dream will take a major financial investment. As a nonprofit, ARF is supported entirely by contributions from the community. Our capital campaign has already received significant contributions from board members and other community leaders. To finish raising the funds we need, we will need an outpouring of support from animal lovers. The good news is, ARF already has 30,000 donors from every state in the nation, and strong local support in the Bay Area as well.

We will be asking local animal lovers to step forward to help us during this important time in ARF's history. A variety of naming opportunities are available, as a wonderful way to honor a loved one (pet or human), or demonstrate to the community your own love of animals.

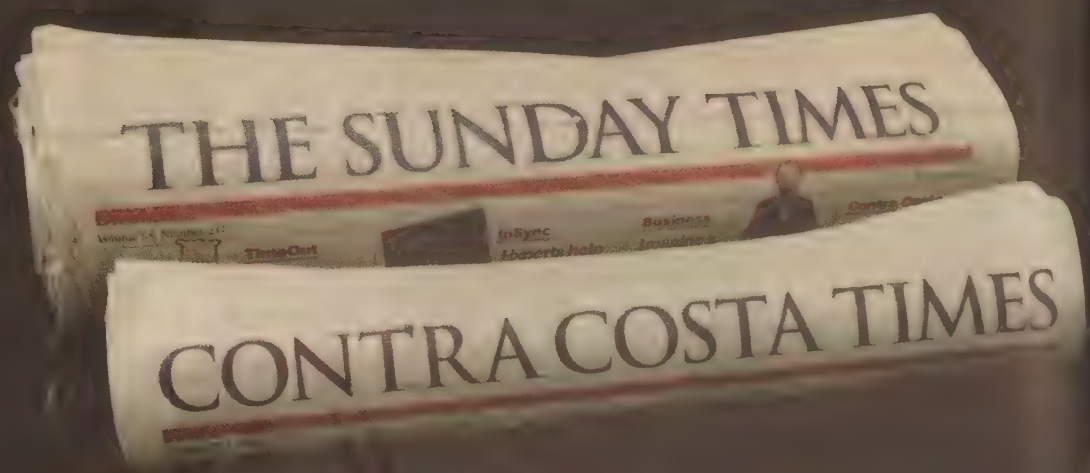
When you come to Stars to the Rescue, be sure to visit our building display in the lobby and learn more about our capital campaign. For more information on the campaign, call Mariana Moore at (925) 296-3101.

It is caring people like you who are helping ARF to make a difference. Thanks for supporting ARF!

ARF appreciates the support of our sponsors.



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Regional Parks sustains East Bay's liveability as growth continues

The East Bay Regional Park District is a major factor in the economic prosperity of the region it serves, according to a study just completed for the District by Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. (EPS), a prominent economic analysis firm with offices in Berkeley.

Results of the study were presented by EPS Managing Principal Walter Kieser at a luncheon forum in Oakland on Nov. 2 with the theme of "Quantifying our Quality of Life." There were some 240 attendees, including elected officials, city planners, environmentalists, community developers, and business leaders.

Co-sponsors of the event were the Association of Bay Area Governments, Bay Area Council, Contra Costa Council, Contra Costa Economic Partnership, Economic Development Advisory Board, the Regional Parks Foundation and the Tri-Valley Business Council.

The report's overall conclusion is that East Bay Regional Park District's system of open space, parks, trails and recre-

ational facilities is a key part of the "urban fabric" of the East Bay, crucial to future efforts to sustain the region as it continues to grow and develop.

The report also states that the Park District is a fundamental component of the region's quality of life. Quality of life is in turn a critical factor in sustaining the region's economic prosperity.

"The East Bay Regional Park District's comprehensive network of open space, parks and trails provide economic and quality of life benefits to virtually all East Bay residents," the report says.

"Some of these benefits are easily quantifiable, others are less so."

Some specifics Kieser emphasized are:

- About 14 million people visit the regional parks each year, more than the combined annual total for Yosemite National Park, the Monterey Peninsula and the Napa Valley. The value placed on the experience by these visitors, measured by the amount they are willing to pay for it, is estimated conservatively at \$74 million each year.
- The Park District owns and/or operates

some 91,000 acres of public land. Since its establishment in 1934, the District has spent \$365 million in today's dollars to acquire its parks. Their replacement value in today's dollars is \$960 million.

- Parks and trails enhance property values. Properties adjacent to large parks and open spaces derive from 10 percent to 30 percent of their value from this proximity.
- The presence of the Park District results in total direct expenditures by park users in the East Bay of about \$254 million annually in park-related purchases (food, clothing, travel expenses, etc.) About \$74 million of this is net new direct expenditure in the East Bay economy. In other words, total expenditures on all goods in the East Bay are \$74 million higher due to the Park District's presence. When East Bay recipients in turn spend this money, the multiplier effect results in a total annual economic impact of \$148 million.
- With 540 permanent and 215 seasonal employees, the District itself spends about \$80 million annually. About \$9.1 million of this represents net new annual expenditures funded by outside grant money or by payments from non-district residents. The multiplier effect results in a total annual economic impact of \$18.2 million.

• The Park District grazing program generates \$740,000 in gross pasture and range production value each year. It also enhances the ranching industry as a whole by creating larger contiguous areas for grazing uses, which protects them from urbanization.

• Parklands generate health, educational, public safety and transit benefits, because they provide outdoor recreational facilities, environmental education programs, police and fire protection, regional trail networks, and a variety of other public services.

• The Park District's land preservation also provides regional ecosystem services such as wildlife habitat, air quality enhancement, water supply, and erosion control.

• The District's parks, open space and wildlife habitat help to create a permanent urban edge in the East Bay.

Turning to the future, Keiser said challenges include preserving dwindling open space to keep pace with population growth and recreational demands; meeting state and federal mandates on a broad spectrum of services; and obtaining adequate financial support to accomplish Park District goals.

Kieser noted that the tax revenue received by the Park District from the average property owner amounts to about \$80 a year. The return on this in terms of economic benefits is ample, he said.

Park District General Manager Pat O'Brien called the economic study "a timely, important, vital part of Park District planning efforts."

For copies of the summary or the full report call (510) 544-2200, or download the Acrobat PDF document from the Park District's Web site: www.ebparks.org.

Average Annual Park Visitation*

Activity	Park ^A Visits	Trail Visits	Total Visits
Walking, hiking, running, etc	2,795,000	1,745,000	4,540,000
Bicycle riding	785,000	1,330,000	2,115,000
Dog walking	1,525,000	425,000	1,950,000
Other ^B	1,410,000	135,000	1,545,000
Picnicking	1,320,000	0	1,320,000
Fishing	490,000	10,000	500,000
Swimming	450,000	10,000	460,000
Equestrian	290,000	90,000	380,000
Environ. education ^C	290,000	0	290,000
Meadows	250,000	0	250,000
Camping	240,000	0	240,000
Golfing	190,000	0	190,000
Boating/ windsurfing	100,000	0	100,000
Rental facilities ^D	80,000	0	80,000
Special recreation ^E	30,000	0	30,000
Total	10,245,000	3,745,000	13,990,000

^AThe use of "Parks" refers to use of all parks and open space, all trails internal to these parks and all recreational facilities associated with these parks.

^BIncludes general use not specifically associated with any other category.

^CIncludes visits associated with visitor centers' program participation.

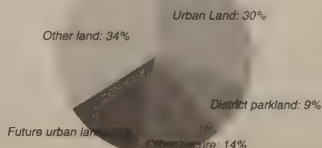
^DIncludes use of facilities for meetings, banquet and food services.

^ESpecial recreation includes archery, marksmanship, model trains and boats.

Sources: Park District Operations Department; Strategy Research Institute; Economic & Planning Systems, Inc.

* Average annual park visitation represents the mid-point of high (15.5 million) and low (12.5 million) visitation estimates for 1999. This range was derived using three independent sources of data. These include visitation estimates by East Bay Regional Park District unit managers, as well as medium and high propensity voter surveys and the Longitudinal Monitoring Study, both conducted by Strategy Research Institute.

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May 7 dead summer natu reservatio

Regional Parks offers a variety of natural history programs. For other organized group requests must be made by the Visitor Center service by 5 p.m. on May 7. Summer reservation.

For more information, Visitor Center, phone on page 7.

Directors choose planning consultant for Eastshore State Park

Roberts and Todd, Inc. (WRT), a landscape planning firm that has worked on major projects nationwide, was selected by the East Bay Park District.

Directors to carry out public planning for the Eastshore State Park.

In related action, the project board has approved a \$25,000 contract with Citizens Eastshore State Park (ESP) to conduct a history of the project leading to the park's creation. Members have been involved for months in the effort to establish the

sections of the park at the meeting on April 21 in

tion to the park. With WRT was made by Director of El Cerrito, who has been working many years in efforts to improve the San Francisco Bay shoreline park and public recreation. Regarding the motion, Director Ted Martinez described the East Bay as "something I grew up with and I want to be able to be here and make this

major step forward is just wonderful," Radke said.

The Eastshore State Park comprises 1,800 acres along eight miles of shoreline between Oakland and Richmond. After lengthy and

complex negotiations, the property was acquired from the Santa Fe/Catellus Development Corporation for approximately \$27.5 million by the Park District, acting as agent for the state of California.

Funding was from State Park Bond Act revenues and the Park District's Measure AA.

The property includes wetlands, a

beach and uplands along the shoreline, with

spectacular views of the bay and San Francisco. Wildlife habitat, nature study, shoreline trails, picnic areas and outdoor recreation are all potential uses of the land.

Stephen Hammond, director of planning for WRT, outlined an elaborate planning process that will be followed to gather facts and obtain information from the public. Besides meetings with focus

groups and "stakeholders," WRT plans three public workshops with follow-up local briefings.

WRT will work with each of the five cities in which the shoreline park is located, to determine how the local briefings will be conducted. The cities are Richmond, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland. The park plan is required by law to be consistent with each city's general plan.

There will be a total of 18 public meetings, with a goal of presenting a final recommendation to the State Parks and Recreation Commission by October 2002.

The state commission is the agency with the responsibility for certifying the final environmental impact report and adopting the plan. The planning process will be funded by multiple sources, including a \$300,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy, \$197,000 from the state Parks and Recreation budget, \$900,000 from Prop. 12 State Park Bond funds, and some additional Eastshore State Park remediation funds.

"I think it's going to be a really interesting project," said Robin Ettinger, an associate landscape architect with the State Department of Parks and Recreation, who will be working with the Park District on the project. "It's something we can leave as a legacy."

The Eastshore State Park project will soon have its own telephone number and Web site. Telephone callers will be able to leave a message, and hear recorded basic project information, such as meeting dates.

Grazing Task Force mulls recommendations following seven public meetings

The District's Grazing Review Task Force has been conducting public meetings since April to gather information about the Park District's cattle grazing program, is now starting the second part of its job—analyzing the data and formulating recommendations. The Park District Board of Directors met by the early spring of 2001. The report to the Task Force on Nov. 14. Park District staff recommended that the Task Force evaluate the grazing program for consistency with the State Plan, the 1992 Wildland Management Policies and Guidelines, and issues related to the protection of endangered species, and any other issues regarding fire protection. The Task Force also recommended that the Task Force evaluate vegetation management issues other than grazing, consider the costs, benefits and applicability of the grazing program.

In its review, the Task Force will recommend any needed modifications to the grazing practices, guidelines and/or management activities in order to achieve

resource management and recreational use objectives.

There are three Park District directors and five Park Advisory Committee (PAC) members on the Grazing Review Task Force. The chair is Director Beverly Lane of Dublin. The two other Directors are Ayn Wieskamp of Livermore and Carol Severin of Castro Valley. PAC members on the Task Force are Ron Crane, Frank Jurik, Jeff Houston, Howard Thomas and Henry Losee.

Establishment of the Task Force was recommended last February by Park District General Manager Pat O'Brien. The Park District's last major review of its range management policies took place about 10 years ago. Since then there have been several major developments, such as listings of new endangered species, expansion of the regional parklands by 26,000 acres, and increased urbanization of the East Bay.

All of these trends made it appropriate to bring together Park District staff, the public and land management experts for an objective, scientific review of the

grazing program, O'Brien said.

The Task Force held its first meeting on April 25, and has since conducted six additional public meetings. It has heard testimony from the public, environmental organizations, water districts, open space and park agencies, fire departments, wildlife specialists and regulatory agencies. Task Force members also have taken field trips to several regional parks.

Grazing also has been the focus for the Grazing Management Review Group, a District staff committee formed in 1999. Several recommendations made by that group are already being enacted, including transfer of authority for day-to-day grazing management to the supervisors of the parks where grazing is permitted.

About 51,000 of the District's 92,000 acres are used for grazing on a rotational or seasonal basis. Fire control and resource management are the fundamental purposes.

For more information about the Grazing Task Force, see the "Board and Committee Meetings" section of the Park District's Web site at www.ebparks.org.

GREATHOUSE VISITOR CENTER

View the workings of a 20th-century sand mine and learn about the lives of 19th-century coal miners in the Greathouse Visitor Center. Artifacts and photographs are displayed and a video featuring former Mt. Diablo coalfield residents is shown. The Visitor Center is open from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays March through November. Parking fee: \$4. For information call (925) 757-2620.

HAZEL-ATLAS SILICA SAND MINE

Explore the underground through a guided tour and learn its history, geology, and the methods used to mine the sandstone. Hour-long advance reservation tours are offered at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. March through November. First-come/first-serve tours are offered at noon and 3 p.m. only. These underground tours are for persons age 7 and older only. Fee: \$3; parking fee: \$4. For information call (925) 757-2620.

CRAB COVE REOPENS SATURDAY, MARCH 3

The public will be welcomed with a day-long schedule of special activities starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 3, when Crab Cove Visitor Center at Crown Beach in Alameda opens its doors for the 2001 season. Storytelling, a nature walk, crafts, and a whale watch orientation will all be on the agenda. Refreshments will be served. Crab Cove is located at 1252 McKay Ave. off Central Avenue in Alameda. Admission is free; parking is \$4. Call 521-6887 for more information.

PUBLIC SAFETY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Assist District staff in the delivery of essential services, including educating trail users about trail safety; assisting with helicopter rescues; promoting fire-safe practices; supplementing police in patrol activities and incident response. Certifications and/or training are required for all programs. Flight Medics—Officer White, Info: (510) 785-3370. Reserve Police Officer—Officer Hall, Info: (510) 544-3131. Trail Safety Patrol: Bicycle Unit, Mounted Unit, Hiking Unit, Companion Dog Unit—Larry Kiefer, Info: (510) 544-3133.

Ardenwood hours and admission

Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Admission Tuesday, Tuesday-Sunday—\$1 adults/seniors, 50 cents students/children.
Under 4 years free. Special event fees are higher. Patterson House tours, train rides, and food service return in April. Program information: (510) 796-0663.

ARDENWOOD

FARM VOLUNTEER TRAINING

7-8:30pm, Thur. Feb. 1, 15, March 1, 15;
9am-12:30pm, Sat. Feb. 10, 24, March 10
Christina Garcia

Cook on a woodstove, demonstrate antique farm machinery, care for farm animals and teach historic crafts. After training, you'll bring history alive for schoolchildren and families as an Ardenwood volunteer. (14+ yrs)

Fee: \$10 Reg. Required: (510) 796-0199

BARNYARD BUDDIES

10:30-11:30am, Sat. Feb. 3, 10, 17 &
24, March 3, Sun. Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 17

Bring your little tykes to feed the goats, hunt for eggs, and pet a sheep and bunny.

BETTER BUTTER

11am-noon, Sat. Feb. 3, Sun. Mar. 11

Help churn cream into butter, then taste your creation on crackers.

ROPE AND HAY

1-2pm, Sat. Feb. 3, Sun. Feb. 18 &
Sat. March 24

Help make rope with our antique machine, then see how a few pulleys make hoisting hay bales into the barn loft a cinch.

OLD FASHIONED SOAP MAKING

1-4pm, Sat. Feb. 3 #4702 Sara Fetterly
Learn to creating beautiful and fragrant lye-based soaps from the Victorian era. Color and spice your soaps with herbs from our garden. (12+ yrs)
Fee: \$20 adult, \$17 senior (Non res. \$22/\$19)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

ARDENWOOD PAST AND PRESENT

10-11am, Sun. Feb. 4
Discover the 100-year-old mysteries of this working historic farm. On a stroll of the grounds, find out who lived here and what life was like at the turn of the last century.

BUTTERFLY CRAFT

11am-noon, Sun. Feb. 4 Suzanne Sparks
Learn about the many butterflies of Ardenwood while creating a beautiful butterfly sun-catcher to take home.

FARMYARD FUN SCAVENGER HUNT

12:30-1:30pm, Sun. Feb. 4 Sara Fetterly
Discover history's mysteries! Use this scavenger hunt to explore the farm and help find Ardenwood's hidden treasures. Fun for the whole family, and prizes too!

LAUNDRY DAY

1:30-2:30pm, Sun. Feb. 4 & Sat. Feb. 10
Step back to the days before washing machines, when doing laundry was a dreaded task. Try your hand at the dolly stick or wringer as you help us on laundry day.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY WALKS

11am, 1 & 2pm, Sat. Feb. 10 & Sun. Feb. 11

Gaeta Bell & Staff
See clusters of butterflies hanging from eucalyptus branches and learn about the mysterious migration of these majestic insects.

HEIRLOOM KITCHEN GARDEN

2-3pm, Sat. Feb. 10 & Sun. Mar. 18 Gaeta Bell
Help weed, turn compost, and prepare the soil beds for spring planting in the vegetable garden. Learn the histories of your favorite vegetables and pick-up some gardening tips.

WINTER FARM STORIES

11am-noon, Sat. Feb. 11 Gaeta Bell
We'll build a fire in the wood stove, share some farm treats and read some favorite farmyard tales.

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS

1-2pm, Sun. Feb. 11 & Mar. 18
Young farmers are invited to help with the afternoon chores. Shell and grind corn, check the hen house for eggs, clean the animal pens.

LIFE ON THE FARM

1:30-3pm, Sat. Feb. 17 Christina Garcia
Tour the grounds of this 205-acre farm. Peek into the outhouse and Milk House and learn what life was like here over 100 years ago.

PRUNING TIME

10:30am-noon, Sun. Feb. 18 Christina Garcia
Now is the time to prune your roses and fruit trees. Watch a rose pruning demonstration and learn the techniques you need to produce a healthy and productive bush. Go into the orchard to learn to prune different fruit and nut trees for maximum yield.

SNUGGLE BUNNIES

2-3pm, Sun. Feb. 18 & Sat. March 24
Pet our cuddly bunnies. Learn what sounds they make and how to keep them happy and healthy.

WORKING WITH WOOL

1-3:30pm, Sat. Feb. 24 & March 3 Reinertson
See how sheep's wool becomes yarn. Learn to use wool cards, see how a spinning wheel works, and take a turn with the drop spindle.

TENDING THE HERBS

11am-noon, Sun. Feb. 25, & March 4 Tara Reinertson
Help plant our spring herb garden. Learn the history of herbal remedies and the folklore of Victorian garden herbs. After our hard work we'll try a glass of refreshing mint tea.

HERBAL LIP BALMS AND LOTIONS

1-3pm, Sun. Feb. 25 #4701 Tara Reinertson
Create your own lip balm or lotion the old-fashioned way. We will learn to identify the herbs from our Victorian garden and how to make soothing salves. Fee includes Ardenwood admission.
Fee: \$10 adult/\$9 senior/\$7.50 child (non. res \$12/\$11/\$9.50)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

HERBAL DREAM PILLOWS

1-3pm, Sun. March 4 #4700 Tara Reinertson
Making a dream pillow from flowers and herbs from our Victorian herb garden. Learn what kinds of herbs are used for relaxation and better sleep. Fee includes Ardenwood admission. (6+ yrs.)
Fee: \$10 adult/\$9 senior/\$8.50 child (non. res \$12/\$11/\$9.50)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

A HOME BREWING WORKSHOP

1-3pm, Sundays March 4, 11, 25 #4699 Ira Blez
We'll brew and bottle a special batch of Ardenwood ale for you to take home. Discover the ancient art of home brewing in this three-part, hands-on workshop. You'll boil the wort, pitch the yeast and explore the natural history of fermentation. (21+ yrs)
Fee: \$20 (non. res. \$22)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

JOHNNY APPLESEED DAY

11am-3pm, Sat. Mar. 10 Sara Fetterly & Staff
Celebrate Johnny Appleseed, one of America's favorite folk heroes. Learn about the apple's journey across America as you plant heirloom apple trees and enjoy an afternoon of cider pressing, crafts, stories, and apple treats.

OLD-FASHIONED GAMES

1-2pm, Sun. Mar. 11
Join us for some old-time fun—sack races, the potato spoon race, and the ever-popular tug-o-war.

BIGGER BUBBLES

2-3pm, Sun. Mar. 11
Try your hand at making giant-size bubbles while learning how soap and bubbles came to be.

POTATO LORE AND MORE

1-3pm, Sat. Mar. 17 Gaeta Bell
Help plant this year's heirloom potato crop. Learn the fascinating history of this important food.

ST. PATRICK'S LEGEND

2-3pm, Sat. Mar. 17 Marion Noble
Are there really no snakes in Ireland? Join us as we learn about legendary and local snakes. Explore their reptile life-style as you meet a snake up close and personal.

STARTING SPRING VEGETABLES

11am-noon, Sun. Mar. 18 Gaeta Bell
Stop by the greenhouse and help get our heirloom kitchen garden off to a good start. Learn the best time to plant, and bring a small container to start your own vegetable garden.

BIRD NEST SEARCH

10-11:30am, Sat. March 25 Christina Garcia
We'll discuss the many different types of birds' nests, from platforms to scrapes to pendants, and then set out on a hunt to find as many as we can around the farm.

CHICKEN FEED

11am-noon, Sun. March 25 & Sat. March 31
Meet at the Barn to crack some corn for the chickens, then visit the coop to gather eggs and discover the meaning of the pecking order.

FEATHER HUNTING HIKE

1-2pm, Sun. March 25 Lisa Gutierrez
Explore the fields and grounds in search of feathers to make a farmyard craft. This is a fun way to learn about the birds of Ardenwood and how they use their different feathers.

A WALK IN THE PARK

9:30-11am, Sat. March 31 Christina Garcia
Meet at the Train Station for a 2-mile walking tour of the farm. We'll explore the orchards, fields and hidden corners of this 205-acre agricultural preserve.

WONDERFUL WOOL

1-2pm, Sat. March 31 Christina Garcia
Find out the many steps involved in turning sheep's wool into warm clothing. Pick and card our fleeces, then see how the spinning wheel and loom are used.

ANIMAL FEEDING

3pm, all Thurs, Fri, Sat. & Sun.
Help check the henhouse for eggs, feed the goats, and bring hay to the livestock. You'll learn all the animals' favorite foods as you help shut the farm down for the evening.

AMERICAN INDIAN

SHELLMOUND TOUR

Coyote Hills Staff
1-3pm, Sat. Feb. 3, 10am-noon, Sat. Mar. 24
Tour the 2000-year old site of an Ohlone village and study archaeological clues that reveal the lifestyle of its early inhabitants.
Fee: \$2 person/\$5 family
Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385

CALIFORNIA INDIAN CORDAGE

Coyote Hills Jan Southworth
1:30-3:30pm, Sat. Mar. 24
Make strong rope or fine string using cattails, tule or dogbane. Then make a shell or seed necklace or bracelet. (10+ yrs)
Fee: \$10 Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385

ARTS/RAFTS

FROM CANDLES TO WHALES

Crab Cove Gail Broedser
10am-12:30pm, Sat. Feb. 3
Discover the connection between candles and sperm whales as we make our dipped candles and explore their rich history. (8+ yrs)
Fee: \$2 Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887

WHEAT WEAVING WORKSHOP/TEA

Coyote Hills Jan Southworth
1-5pm, Sat. Feb. 10 #4736
Weave a Moriford Heurt to take home to your sweetheart for Valentine's Day. Then enjoy a traditional English tea party. (12+ yrs)
Fee: \$15 adult/\$10 child (non-res. \$17/\$12)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

FLOWER GALLERY

Tilden Nature Area Lauren Kelly
10am-noon, Sat. Mar. 17
Discover botanical illustration. Learn basic flower

anatomy and techniques for coloring paper. Identify and draw local flowers; paper provided
Fee: \$2

A HISTORY OF BEADWORK

Tilden Nature Area
2-4pm, Sun. Mar. 18
A short history of beads and beading. Necklaces and other small pieces of jewelry.
Fee: \$4

BIRDING

EARLY A.M. BIRDWALK

Tilden Nature Area
8-11am, Sun. Feb. 4
We'll bird the farm, fields and forests.
Info: (510) 525-2233

BOAT TOURS

ARMCHAIR WHALE WATCH

Crab Cove
11am-noon, Sat. Mar. 3
See a gray whale slide show. See migration, habits and what to watch boat trip.
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887

SPRING CRUISE ON THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

California Delta
10am-3pm, Sun. Mar. 18
Celebrate spring's arrival with a cruise on the San Joaquin River on the double-decker Bethel Island. Hearty buffet lunch, alcohol, please. (8+ yrs)
Fee: \$52 (non-res. \$58)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

COAL MINING

GREEN ALIENS

Black Diamond
10-11:30am, Sat. Feb. 10
Examine exotic plants introduced on a short walk through a forest. (8+ yrs).
Info: (925) 757-2620

MINES, MINERS, AND MINERALS

Black Diamond
10am-noon, Sat. Feb. 17
Discover the world of minerals and minerals they sought as we hike and Manhattan Canyon trails. (8+ yrs)
Info: (925) 757-2620

MEMORIES IN MARBLE

Black Diamond
10am-noon, Sat. Feb. 24
Hear mining tales of life and love through the Somersville mine. Free entry. Be prepared for mud. (8+ yrs)
Info: (925) 757-2620

EDUCATORS

WORKSHOPS

EDUCATORS ACADEMY'S

EXPLORING BIODIVERSITY

Tilden Nature Area Kelley
9am-4pm, Sat. Feb. 24
9am-4pm, Sat. Feb. 25
Ideal for primary and middle school. Want to use this award-winning program in class. In-depth introduction to natural history. Two CSUH accreditation. Includes continental breakfast.
Fee: Several fee structures
Reg. Required: (925) 287-9000

WONDERFUL WHALES

Crab Cove/Half Moon Bay
5-9pm, Thu. Mar. 8, 9am-1pm, Sun. Mar. 11
Did you know that "killer" whales are dolphins, and that dolphins are whales? Unravel these mysteries and enjoy a depth evening cruise on Crab Cove. Whale-watching cruise on the Tilden Nature Area. Includes continental breakfast. Enhance any whale or ocean unit.
Fee: \$35 (non-res \$39) plus tax
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

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LEY NATURE RIDE

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Staff

10:30-11:50am, Sun. Feb. 11 #4704,
#4705, Mar. 11 #4706, 18 #4707
the cultural and natural history of Sunol; en-
joy 20-minute horseback ride. (6+yrs)
\$17 (non-res. \$19) includes rental horse
Required: (510) 636-1684

FARMING

WIMBLES IN THE FOUR TUMMIES

Nature Area
Martina Ernst
10:30-11:30am, Fri. March 16
Follow "four-stomached" ruminants digest their
feed the animals and tuck them in.
(510) 525-2233

CHICKEN RUN

Nature Area
Jessica Sheppard
10-11am, Sun. March 18
The chickens, discover green eggs, the peck-
order, and other fowl facts.
(510) 525-2233

OUT LIKE A LAMB

Nature Area
Jessica Sheppard
10:30-11:30am, Sun. March 25
A strong and feel some wool. March is tradi-
tionally the month of lambing, and our sheep should
be some babies to see. Info: (510) 525-2233

FISHING

HOW TO FLYFISHING

Arza
Fish First!
10am-5pm, Sun. Feb. 11 #4720, Mar. 11 #4721
From the beginning angle, three hours of class-
room instruction introduces knots, fly selection,
casting the water, and more. Three hours at Lake
Arza to practice casting with coaching from a cer-
tified flycasting instructor. (18+yrs)
\$60 (non-res. \$66)
Required: (510) 636-1684

HOW TO FISH CLINIC

Cliffs
Alexander/Lambert
March 17, 8:30am #4737, 9:30am #4738
March 18, 10am #4739, 11:30am #4740
How to fish and how to catch them—casting,
retrieving, and baiting. Fish our trout pond. One-
hour instruction, one-half hour fishing. No fish-
ing license or permit required. We provide rods,
line, and bait. Limit 5 trout. Age 15 years and
older must be accompanied by an adult.
\$10 (non-res. \$12)
Required: (510) 636-1684

THURSDAY MORNING BIRDWALKS

Beginners welcome; we have some binocu-
lars to loan. Appropriate for 10+ yrs; dogs
OK at Pt. Isabel only.
Thurs. Feb. 1: Shorebirds. Meet at the
parking lot on Isabel Street, just off Cen-
tral Avenue (past Costco) in Richmond.
(510) 525-2233 Tilden Nature Area,
March 8: 7:30-9:30 a.m., Thurs., Feb.
Migration; residents and winter visitors.
(510) 525-2233 Wildcat Creek Res-
idential Trail, Alan Kaplan, 7:30-9:30 a.m.,
Thurs., March 1: Birds at the urban/creek
interface. Meet in the bay-side parking lot
between Gertrude and Pittsburgh avenues
on the Richmond Parkway. Info: (510) 525-
2233 Tilden, Alan Kaplan, 7:30-9:30 a.m.,
Thurs., March 8: Meet at the parking lot
opposite the Pony Ride for a look at Wild-
cat Gorge Trail birds. Info: (510) 525-2233.
Arrowhead Sanitary District, Oakley,
Mike Moran, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thurs.,
March 8: Our avian pals along the Delta
Wetlands of Ironhouse Sanitary District.
Info: (925) 757-2620 Round Valley, Mike
Moran, 9-11:30 a.m., Thurs., March 22:
Balance eagles and other avian marvels.
Info: (925) 757-2620

GARDENING

CONIFERS OF CALIFORNIA

Botanic Garden
Alan Kaplan
10am-noon, Sun. Feb. 11
Take a closer look at some of the best trees in the
Golden State. Info: (510) 525-2233

PARK PARTNERS IN THE GARDEN

Coyote Hills
Jan Southworth
9:30-11:30am, Sat. Mar. 10
Celebrate the coming spring by weeding and plant-
ing in the nectar garden. We'll conclude with re-
freshments served in the garden. (10+ yrs)
Info: (510) 795-9385

BUTTERFLY GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

Coyote Hills
Jan Southworth
1:30-4pm, Sat. Mar. 10
The garden is open and the butterflies and hum-
mers are at play and work. Observe them in action
and learn more about wildlife gardening.
Info: (510) 795-9385

WORK IN THE GARDEN

Tilden Nature Area
Jessica Sheppard
12:30-2pm, Sun. March 18
Put in young plants that the local butterfly species
can use, and pull out the "weeds." Learn about the
butterfly life cycle and what you can plant to at-
tract them. Bring gloves if you have them.
Info: (510) 525-2233

GOLF

TEE IT UP 1 (New Golfer)

Tilden Park Golf Course American Golf Corp.
8:30-10am, Sat. Feb. 10, 17, 24, & Mar. 3 #4722
10:30am-noon, Thur. Feb. 15, 22, Mar. 1, &
#4723
8:30-10am, Sun. Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, & 18 #4724
For the new golfer, we guarantee you'll be ready
to play on the course after this 6-hour class. Fee
includes membership in the AGPA (benefits include
free green fees and balls); fee loaner clubs while
at range; and on-course lesson with a golf pro.
Fee: \$135 (non-res. \$149)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

HIKES

TRAILS CHALLENGE/MAY MARATHON

Trails Challenge #4734 Hikers, bikers, equestri-
ans—register to receive the Trails Challenge Guide-
book, complete with maps and descriptions of this

year's featured trails. Complete five trails before
Dec. 31 and receive the commemorative pin. May
Marathon #4735 Hike ride, skate or run 26 miles
on Challenge trails in the month of May. All May
Marathon participants will receive a Trails Chal-
lenge T-shirt plus this year's commemorative pin.
FEE: \$5 Trails Challenge; \$12 May Marathon
(includes Trails Challenge)
Reg Required: (510) 636-1684

SAND AND CHAPARRAL

Black Diamond
Bob Kanagaki
10-11:30am, Sat. Feb. 3
Investigate the natural and human history along the
hilly, one-mile Chaparral Loop Trail. Rain cancels.
Info: (925) 757-2620

IT'S SPRING—REALLY!

Tilden Nature Area
Alan Kaplan
1-4pm, Sun. Feb. 4
The natural seasons precede the calendar! Go home
from this hike convinced it's not winter anymore.
Info: (510) 525-2233

WEDNESDAY WALKS

Various parks
Christina Garcia
9:30-11:30am, various dates
Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. Hikes are
rain or shine. Info: (510) 796-0199 Alameda
Creek—Feb. 7: Easy 5 miles. Meet at the Beard
Road Staging Area. Sycamore Grove, Livermore—
Feb. 21: Flat and easy 4 miles. Hayward Shore-
line—Feb. 28: Three mile loop. Meet at the West
Winton parking area. Lake Chabot—March 7: Moder-
ate 4 miles to the Dam. Coyote Hills—March 21:
Gently rolling 3 miles on the Bayview Trail.
Alameda Creek—March 28: Meet at William Cann
Park in Union City for a flat 4 miles along the creek.

LOVE IN THE WILDERNESS

Sunol
Cindy Gatoño
1-4:30pm, Sat. Feb. 10
On a 3-mile walk in the hills, we'll watch for am-
phibians and other amorous creatures. Bring snack/
water. Dress for mud and creek crossings. (6+yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

SALAMANDERS!

Sunol
Cindy Gatoño
1-4:30pm, Sat. Feb. 24
Look for salamanders on a 3-mile round trip walk.
Prepare for hills, mud, and creek crossings as we
make our way to the newt pond. (6+yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

SEA KAYAKING CLINICS & TRIPS

All trips are taught by professional kayak instructors utilizing very stable single and double kay-
aks, perfect for beginners and children. REGISTRATION REQUIRED: (510) 636-1684. Special
Cancellation Policy applies; see page 7.

INTRODUCTION TO KAYAKING & TOUR COMBOS

10am-4pm, Sat. Feb. 24, Brooks Island—CKK #4712
10am-4pm, Sat. Mar. 24, Brooks Island—CA #4716
10am-4pm, Sun. Mar. 25, Brooks Island—CKK #4713
This format provides a brief introduction to equipment and paddle strokes combined with a tour of
one of the East Bay's aquatic jewels. (13+yrs)
Fee: \$70 (non-res. \$78)

INTRODUCTION TO BAY PADDLING (INTERMEDIATE)

9:30am-3:30pm, Sat. Feb. 10, MLK Shoreline—CA #4719
For aggressive beginners or paddlers with previous experience. An in-depth focus on developing
the skills necessary to go paddling on your own. Learn proper strokes and maneuvers, safety
awareness, rescue techniques, and tide and current basics. Opportunity to get wet while practicing
self-rescues; earn a certification qualifying you to rent your own kayak. Youth 5-12 must be ac-
companied by an adult in a double kayak
Fee: Adult 13+yrs-\$75 (non-res. \$83); Ages 5-12 - \$55 (non-res. \$61)

DISCOVER KAYAKING (BEG.)

11am-3:30pm, Sat. Feb. 17, Lake Chabot, CA #4719
11am-3:30pm, Sun. Mar. 25, Lake Chabot, CA #4718
Paddle a kayak on calm water. Learn equipment selection and paddling techniques, paddle single
kayaks on a tour of Lake Chabot. Double kayaks available on request, and for parent/child pad-
dlers. Youth 5-12 must be accompanied by an adult in a double kayak.
Fee: Adult 13+yrs - \$65 (non-res. \$73); Ages 5-12 - \$45 (non-res. \$51)

ABOUT OUR DESTINATIONS

Brooks Island: A secluded island in San Francisco Bay with limited accessibility. Only one-half
mile off the Richmond shoreline, this pristine landscape makes visitors feel a world away. Tour the
island to view native plants, birds and seals, breathtaking cityscapes. Lake Chabot: Lots of inlets
and bays to explore in this 315-acre lake. MLK Shoreline: Paddle in sheltered Bay waters and
explore Arrowhead Marsh, home to an abundant shorebird population. Full day trips may include
tour along Alameda's Crown Beach.

HABITAT HIKE

Redwood
Gail Broedser
11am-3pm, Sat. Feb. 24
We'll explore redwood, eucalyptus, serpentine
prairie, oak/bay habitats and more. (7+yrs)
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887

A WINTRY WALK TO LITTLE YOSEMITE

Sunol
Cindy Gatoño
1-3:45pm, Sat. Mar. 3
Join us for a 3-mile round trip hike in the hills over-
looking Alameda Creek before descending into
Little Yosemite to admire the winter cascades. No
organized groups please. (6+yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

SPRING INTO NATURE

Tilden Nature Area
Jessica Sheppard
1-4pm, Sun. March 4
Hike for your health to celebrate the new season
and see what's happening out in the woods. Pre-
pare for the mud; heavy rain cancels
Info: (510) 525-2233

LATE WINTER IN HIGH VALLEY

Sunol
Cindy Gatoño
9am-1pm, Sat. Mar. 10
We'll make our way up the reaches of Indian Joe
Creek to High Valley. Be prepared for mud and
creek hopping. Bring a snack and drink. (6+yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

MOTHER NATURE'S BLOOMERS

Las Trampas
Norm Kidder
10am-1pm, Sat. Mar. 10
Look for early spring wildflowers in the chaparral
and oak woodland on this semi-strenuous 3-mile
hike. Bring water, lunch and appropriate clothing.
Info: (925) 862-2601

FLAG HILL

Sunol
Cindy Gatoño
8am-12:30pm, Sun. Mar. 18
Climb to the top of this local landmark (up to 4
miles round trip). Bring lunch and beverage. Be
prepared for some steep uphill hiking. (7+yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

NEW MOON HIKE

Tilden Nature Area
Alan Kaplan
6-9pm, Fri. Mar. 23
We'll hike from the Visitor Center to Wildcat Peak.
Info: (510) 525-2233

A PEAK AT MAGUIRE PEAKS

Sunol
Cindy Gatoño
9am-2pm, Sat. Mar. 24
We'll take a 5-mile stroll around the Maguire Peaks
Loop Trail. Bring lunch, water and binoculars.
We'll carpool to the trailhead parking area. (7+yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

SKYLINE NATIONAL TRAIL

Skyline National Trail
Gail Broedser
10am-2pm, Sat. Mar. 24
We'll cover 7 miles of the 31-mile Skyline Trail
today. Meet at Inspiration Point to hike north to
Wildcat Canyon, through rolling grassy hills and
an oak/madrone/bay forest. Next month we'll cover
another section of the Skyline Trail. (7+yrs)
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887

OLD WAYS WORKSHOPS

Registration required for both pro-
grams: (510) 636-1684. Info: (925) 862-
2601. Basic Twined Baskets, Sunol,
Norm Kidder, 10 am-4 p.m., Sat., Feb.
24 #4703 Use native sandbar willow to
make a basic storage basket or woodpecker
trap. (16+yrs). Fee: \$35 (Non-res. \$39).
Edible and Usable Plants, Coyote Hills,
Norm Kidder, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat.,
March 24 #4704 A morning of foraging
followed by a "wild lunch" (bring some-
thing to supplement our salad). Then make
a soaproot brush using string you'll make
from dogbane stalks. (14+yrs). Fee: \$26
(Non-res. \$30).

NEWS IN A VOLCANO!!

Sibley Nancy Krebs
1-4pm, Sat. Mar. 24
See news in seasonal pools in the "root" of the
extinct Round Top Volcano. (8+ yrs)
No fee **Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887**

TUNNEL #3 
Lake Chabot Gail Broesder

10am-1pm, Sat. Mar. 31
Take a step back in time, walk to the dam and ex-
plore the history of this reservoir. (7+ yrs)
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887


HIKE UP THE BACKSIDE 
Sunol Cindy Gateño

9am-3:30pm, Sat. Mar. 31
A 10.5-mile round-trip hike up the back side of
Mission Peak on the Ohlone Wilderness Trail.
Bring lunch and a beverage. Dress in layers. Ohlone
Wilderness Trail permits required for \$2. (8+ yrs)
Reg. Required: (510) 862-2601


WOMEN ON COMMON GROUND 
Locations vary Katie Colbert

call for dates/times
Naturalist-led programs for women whose concern
for personal safety keeps them from enjoying their
parks. For information send a legal-sized SASE to
"WOCG," Sunol Regional Wilderness, P.O. Box
82, Sunol, CA 94586. (Adults)
Fee: varies Info: (925) 862-2601


LLAMA TOUR

LLAMA DAY TRIP 
Redwood

10am-4pm, Mar. 31 #4725, Apr. 1 #4726
Llamas will carry your picnic lunches and personal
items on this 4-6 mile hike. Lead a llama for part
of the trip. Special Cancellation Policy applies; see
page 7. (8+ yrs)
Fee: \$35/person (non-res. \$39)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

NATURE EXPLORATION
MOSEY MARSH CREEK TO BIG BREAK 
Marsh Creek Trail, Oakley Mike Moran


10am-12:30pm, Sun. Mar. 4
Let's take a 3.5-mile spring stroll along a flat paved
section of the trail out to Big Break in Oakley.
Info: (925) 757-2620

TRACKING 
Tilden Nature Area Jessica Sheppard

9:30-10:30am, Sun. Mar. 4
Learn to read the signs animals leave behind and
make a track booklet to take home.
Info: (510) 525-2233


NATURE OBSERVATION 
Tilden Nature Area Jessica Sheppard

3-4pm, Tue. March 20 and 27
Join a naturalist and learn lessons from the great-
est teacher of all: Nature. Bring binoculars, sketch
books, or questions.
Info: (510) 525-2233

DELTA SAFARI 
Grizzly Island State Rec. Area Mike Moran

11am-2:30pm, Sun. Mar. 25
Join us for a wildlife extravaganza in the largest
contiguous marsh in the continental United States!
We'll explore the home of thousands of birds and
stronghold of the great tule elk.
Reg. Required: (925) 757-2620

ROCKCLIMBING

BASIC ROCKCLIMBING 
Sunol Moving Over Stone

9am-3pm, Sat. Mar. 3 #4727, Mar. 17 #4728,
Mar. 31 #4729


Rock climbing with professional instructors for
novices and those who have climbed indoors. Covers
holds, stance, and rope safety. Climb up to fifty
feet. Equipment including climbing shoes provided.
Parent participation required. (8+ yrs)
Fee: \$85 (non-res. \$95)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

SENIORS

LOVE IS IN THE AIR 
Sunol Joanne Dean-Freemire


10am-3pm, Mon. Feb. 5
... and in the water as we search for salamanders,
eagles and other courtship creatures. We may walk
up to 5 miles to reach the breeding ponds. Bring
rain gear, lunch and water. (50+ yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

SUSHI

SUSHI FOR THE MORE ADVENTUROUS 
Tilden Nature Area Linda Yemoto

11am-2pm, Sat. Feb. 17 #4709
During this hands-on workshop, you will hear the
history of this ancient cuisine, learn the basics of
making sushi and taste several exotic varieties.
Parent participation required for kids 8-10 years.
Fee: Adult \$30, Senior \$25, Child 8-12 \$20.
(non-res. Adult \$34, Senior \$29, Child \$24)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

VOLUNTEERS!

BUTTERFLY GARDEN TRAIL BUILDING 
Coyote Hills Jan Southworth

9:30-11am, Sat. Feb. 10
Trail maintenance in the nectar garden will pro-
vide easier viewing of the butterflies and humming-
birds at play there. Refreshments provided. (9+ yrs)
Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385


SITE STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 
Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan

2-4pm, Sun. Feb. 25
Bring gloves and wear a long-sleeved shirt for re-
moving non-native vegetation to free up habitat for
local plants. (9+ yrs)
Info: (510) 525-2233

WORK IN THE WILD 
Tilden Nature Area Jessica Sheppard


1-3pm, Sun. March 11
Native plants are fighting for resources in the
Nature Area! Bring water, gloves, and clippers if you
have them. Dress to get dirty; rain cancels. (12+ yrs)
Info: (510) 525-2233

WILDERNESS SKILLS


ORIENTEERING I 
Lake Chabot/Roberts Joe Scarborough

10am-5pm, Sun. Mar. 25 #4730
Develop map reading and compass skills. 1.5 of
classroom with 4 hours on a beginners' orienteering
course. Ideal for hikers, backpackers, or anyone
who spends time exploring outdoors. (12+ yrs)
Fee: \$25 (non-res. \$29)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

YOUTH & FAMILY

OUTDOOR DISCOVERIES 
Sunol Staff

10-11:30am, Thursdays
Kids 3-5 years and an adult are invited to discover
the secret worlds of creek, woodland and more.
Fee: \$5/session/child (non-res. \$7)
Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601

WILDERNESS EXPLORERS/TREKKERS 
Sunol Staff

call for dates/times
Kids in grades K-6: explore the world of birds, bugs
and wilderness beasts during a series of afterschool
and Thursday morning adventures. Parental partici-
pation usually optional.
Fee: \$5/session/child (non-res. \$7)
Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601

PUDDLES AND PONDS IN WINTER 
Tilden Nature Area Linda Yemoto

2-3:30pm, Sat. Feb. 3
We'll meander down to one of our ponds to see
what's wriggling and squiggling there.
Info: (510) 525-2233

FEBRUARY FAMILY FORAY 
Sunol Cindy Gateño

10-11:30am, Sat. Feb. 10, 24
Bring the children to search for salamanders, mush-
rooms, worms, slugs and other wet weather wild-
life. Dress for the weather. (Feb. 10, under 4 yrs.,
Feb. 24, over 4 yrs.)

SCOUT HIKES: LITTLE YOSEMITE

Sunol Cindy Gateño
1-3:45pm, Sun. Feb. 4, Sat. Feb. 17

Scouts and families enjoy this 3-mile adventure on
Canyon View Trail to Little Yosemite. Rain or shine.
Bring a snack, drink and a bag for trash. (6+ yrs)
Fee: \$5 (non-res. \$7)
Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601

SCIENCE FOR TYKES

Sunol Cindy Gateño
10-11:30am, Sun. Feb. 4, Sat. Feb. 17,

Sat. Mar. 3; 1:45-3:15pm, Sun. Mar. 18;
10-11:30am, Sun. Apr. 8, Apr. 29,
7:30-9pm, Sat. May 5; 8-9:30pm, Sat. May 19
Budding scientists 4-8 yrs. and families: explore an
outdoor laboratory with a naturalist. Feb. 4: Sala-
manders; Feb. 17: Mushrooms; Mar. 3: Vernal Pools;
Mar. 18: Nibbling on Nature; Apr. 8: Frogs; Apr.
29: Rocks; May 5: Moon; May 19: Stargazing.
Fee: \$5/session per child
(non-res. \$7/session per child)
Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601

MID-DAY MEANDERS

Pt. Isabel Alan Kaplan
2-3:40pm, Tue. Feb. 6, Mar. 6

Feb. 6: Meet at the end of Isabel Street off Central
Avenue in Richmond for a walk on a beautiful
bayside trail. There will be dogs present. Mar. 6:
Meet at Tilden's Botanic Garden for a close-up
view of flowers, bugs and birds.
Info: (510) 525-2233

LAUREL CANYON MINI-RANGERS

Tilden Nature Area Dave Zuckermann
3:30-5:30pm, Tue. Feb. 6 and Mar. 13

Join us for an afternoon of nature study, conserva-
tion and rambling through woods and waters. Dress
to get dirty; bring a snack to share. For 8-12 year
girls and boys, unaccompanied by their parents.
Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

AMPHIBIAN AMBLE FOR TODDLERS

Tilden Nature Area Linda Yemoto
2-3pm, Sat. Feb. 10

Join us for a gentle walk searching for newts, slen-
der salamanders and other creatures. For 2-3 year
olds and their adult friends.
Info: (510) 525-2233

DINO DAY!

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan
2-4pm, Sun. Feb. 11

Fun activities featuring big, dangerous, extinct crea-
tures: puzzles, PALEO Bingo, life-size footprints
and heads to take home.
Fee: \$3 Info: (510) 525-2233

IN NEEDIN' OF FEEDIN'

Tilden Nature Area Martina Ernst
3:30-5pm, Fri. Feb. 16

Gather in the Little Farm classroom for a fun pig
story, then feed the animals and tuck them in.
Info: (510) 525-2233

MAKE A HOME "TWEET" HOME

Coyote Hills Doc Quack
1-3pm, Sat. Feb. 17

Bring the family to help build a bird house for mos-
quito munching tree swallows. Then we'll explore
the marsh and plant native wetland trees.
Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385

HOW MANY KINGDOMS ARE YOU?

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan
10am-noon, Sun. Feb. 18

We'll look for creatures great and small through-
out the Nature Area on trails and ponds.
No fee Info: (510) 525-2233

MAMMALS INSIDE AND OUT

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan
2-4pm, Sun. Feb. 18

Stroll through the Watershed Hall to see animals
on display, then go out to search for their signs.
Info: (510) 525-2233

OPENING DAY CELEBRATION

Crab Cove Nancy Krebs

10am-4pm, Sat. Mar. 3
Enjoy a pond walk, movies, storytelling and a craft
as we celebrate opening for the year 2001.
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887

CREEK CYCLING

Alameda Creek
1-3pm, Sat. Mar. 3

Bring the family for some exercise and a
riding adventure along our
bike trail
Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385

NATURE NUTS

Tilden Nature Area
2-3:30pm, Sat. Mar. 3, 10, 17

For youngsters age 5-10 and
3: join our search for frogs and
10: discover what life's really
other six-legged creatures. Sun-
river bed and identify stones.
Info: (510) 525-2233

FAMILY FARM SING-ALONG

Tilden Nature Area
3:30-5pm, Fri. Mar. 9

Sing songs about our favorite farm
and get close-up in the
Info: (510) 525-2233

HOORAY FOR HERPS!

Tilden Nature Area
10-11:30am, Sun. March 11

Hike around and find out what
salamanders need to survive
Info: (510) 525-2233

A MORNING IN THE VALLEY

Round Valley
10am-1pm, Sun. Mar. 11

Spring's greenery will greet us as
strenuous 4-mile stroll through
enjoy grand vistas. (8+ yrs)
No fee Info: (510) 525-2233

WEE ONES ON MARSH CREEK

Brentwood/Oakley
9-10:30am, Tue. Mar. 13

On these easy social strolls for tot-
tykes, we'll check out the plants
of flat, paved sections of the Marsh
Trail (March 13, Brentwood, Mar.
Info: (925) 757-2620

NUTTY RANGERS

Coyote Hills
1-3pm, Sat. Mar. 17

Discover "nutty truths," learn how
lives, and plant and tend oak trees.
Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385

SEA SQUIRTS

Crab Cove
10-11:30am, Tue. Mar. 20

For 3-5 year olds accompanied by
der and plod through puddles
and habitat of newts and salamanders.
Fee: \$5 (Res. \$7) Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

ESTUARY EXPLORERS

Crab Cove
3:30-5pm, Thur. Mar. 22

For 6-8 year olds. We may see
amphibians.
Fee: \$7 (Res. \$5) Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

WONDERFUL WETLANDS

Crab Cove
1-2pm, Sat. Mar. 24

Learn about wetlands. Craft and
(5+ yrs)
Fee: \$2 Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

TAKE A DIP

Tilden Nature Area
2-4pm, Sun. March 25

With nets and magnifying glasses
look at what's growing in the water.
Info: (510) 525-2233

WEE ONES

Crab Cove
10-11:30am, Tue. Mar. 27

For 1-5 year olds accompanied by
der and plod through puddles
and habitat of newts and salamanders.
lated snack and craft included.
Fee: \$5 (Res. \$7) Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

parking, free swimming at seven lakes, special events, a free guide to the Regional Parks, a monthly newsletter, and additional benefits listed on page 51. Call (510) 635-0138 x2203, for information.

Membership—Dog pass, free entry to swim up to six, 50 percent off on off-season (October through April) camping.

Disabled/Student

Member

Day Use/Boat Launch

Fishing

Circle—Family Member benefits plus an

to special Members' only event.

Circle—Tilden Circle benefits plus

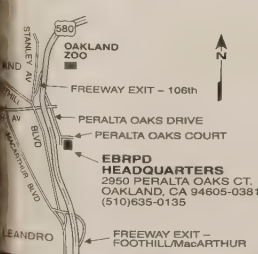
to special programs.

Circle—Reinhardt Circle benefits plus

the scenes" with a naturalist.

To reach Central Registrations office:

from east of Oakland on I-580 West, take the southbound exit in San Leandro. Bear right onto the 106th Ave. and right again onto the 106th Ave. Follow it to the end. From Oakland or from west of Oakland on I-580 East, take the 106th Ave. Exit. Take the first three left turns; this will take you on 106th Ave. From 106th, turn right onto the 106th Ave. and follow it to the end.



SPECIAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS	PARK	OPERATOR	PHONE
Archery - Field and Target	Briones	Briones Archers	(510) 724-3814
Archery - Field and Target	Redwood	Redwood Bowmen Association	(510) 530-0400
Bike Rentals	Del Valle	Windsurf Del Valle	(510) 455-4008
Boat Rentals	Del Valle	Urban Park Concessionaires	(925) 449-5201
Boat Rentals	Shadow Cliffs	Shadow Cliffs Park Company	(925) 846-2344
Boat Rentals	Lake Chabot	Lake Chabot Park Company	(510) 582-2198
Camping (groups)	Various Parks	East Bay Regional Park District	(510) 562-2267
Camping (families)	D. Valle, A. Chabot, Sunol	EBRPD	(510) 562-2267
Dog Wash	Pt. Isabel	Mudpuppies Tub & Scrub	(510) 559-8899
Expresso Coffee Service	Pt. Isabel	K-9 Coffee	(510) 527-3357
Golf, Driving Range, Food, Banquet	Lake Chabot	Willow Park Inc.	(510) 537-8989
Golf, Driving Range, Food, Banquet	Tilden	American Golf	(408) 848-3373
Hang Gliding - Experienced Flyers	Mission Peak	Wings of Rogallo	(408) 476-2227
Blacksmith	Ardenwood	Scott Thomas	(510) 790-9060
Horse Arena	Contra Loma	Association de los Charros	(925) 228-7981
Horse Arena	Martinez Shoreline	Martinez Horseman Association	(510) 336-0850
Horse Arena	Redwood	Judith Martin	(510) 569-4288
Horse Boarding Barn, Lessons	Anthony Chabot	Chabot Stables, Sara Cray	(925) 838-7546
Horse Boarding Barn, Lessons	Little Hills	Las Trampas Stables	(510) 531-9944
Horse Boarding Barn, Lessons	Redwood	Piedmont Stables	(510) 531-9944
Horse Boarding Barn, Lessons	Anthony Chabot	Skyline Ranch Equestrian Center	(510) 336-0850
Horse Day Camp	Las Trampas	Las Trampas Stables	(925) 838-7546
Horse Day Camps	Castle Rock	Adventure Day Camp	(510) 937-6500
Horse Rentals, Trail Rides and Lessons	Little Hills	Las Trampas Stables	(925) 838-7546
Horse Rentals, Trail Rides	Sunol	Sunol Pack Station	(925) 862-0175
Horse Trail Rides	Wildcat Canyon	Wildcat Creek Stables	(510) 232-6344
Marksmanship - Target & Skeet Shooting	Anthony Chabot	Chabot Gun Club	(510) 569-0213
Meeting and Club Activities	Martinez Shoreline	Martinez Sportsman Club	(925) 228-5638
Meeting and Club Activities	Martinez Shoreline	Martinez Pigeon Club	(925) 228-8222
Meetings, Weddings and Banquets	Tilden Brazil Room	Regional Parks	(510) 540-0220
Meetings, Weddings and Banquets	Kennedy Grove	Regional Parks	(510) 540-0220
Merry-Go-Round, Children's Parties	Terra Holliman	Terra Holliman	(510) 524-6773
Model Boat Facility	Ala. Creek Quar.	Model Mariners	(510) 797-5422
Model Railroad - 5 Scales and Museum	Miller Knox	Golden State Model RR Museum	(510) 234-4884
Native Plants	Tilden	NativeHere Nursery	(510) 549-0211
Native Plants	Carquinez	CREEC	(510) 787-9772
Picnics (groups)	All Parks	East Bay Regional Park District	(510) 562-2267
Picnics, Parties and Events (groups)	Castle Rock	Picnic People	(925) 462-1400
Picnics, Parties and Events (groups)	Little Hills	Picnic People	(925) 462-1400
Picnics, Weddings, Food (groups)	Ardenwood	Picnic People	(925) 462-1400
Picnics, Parties and Events (groups)	Shadow Cliffs	Picnic People	(925) 462-1400
Pony Rides, Children's Parties, Day Camps	Tilden	Carney Thompson	(510) 527-0421
Railroad Rides, and Museum	Ardenwood	Society to Preserve Carter Bros	(510) 796-0560
Trains - Model Steam Engines	Tilden	Golden Gate Live Steamers	(510) 486-0623
Trains - Steam Train Rides	Tilden	Redwood Valley Railroad	(510) 548-6100
Waterslide, Food, Group Picnics	Shadow Cliffs	Shadow Cliffs Association	(925) 829-5600
Windsurfing - Rentals and Lessons	Del Valle	Windsurf Del Valle	(925) 455-4008
Windsurfing - Rentals and Lessons	Contra Loma	Windsurf Diablo	(925) 778-6350
Windsurfing - Rentals and Lessons	Crown Beach	Sausalito Sailboards	(650) 331-9463

VISITOR CENTERS

ARDENWOOD REGIONAL PRESERVE

34600 Ardenwood Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94555-3645
(510) 796-0663

BLACK DIAMOND MINES REGIONAL PRESERVE

5175 Somersville Road
Antioch, CA 94509
(925) 757-2620

BOTANIC GARDEN

Tilden Regional Park
Berkeley, CA 94708
(510) 841-8732

COYOTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK

8000 Patterson Ranch Road
Fremont, CA 94555-3502
(510) 795-9385

CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER

1252 McKay Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501-7805
(510) 521-6887

DEL VALLE REGIONAL PARK

7000 Del Valle Road
Livermore, CA 94550-9526
(925) 862-2601

GARIN REGIONAL PARK

1320 Garin Avenue
Hayward, CA 94544-6822
(510) 795-9385

SUNOL-OHLONE REGIONAL WILDERNESS

P.O. Box 82 (on Geary Road)
Sunol, CA 94586
(925) 862-2601

TILDEN NATURE AREA

Environmental Education Center (EEC) at Tilden Regional Park
Berkeley, CA 94708
(510) 525-2233

SWIM FACILITIES

LAKE ANZA

Tilden Regional Park
Berkeley, CA 94708
(510) 843-2137

CONTRA LOMA

1200 Frederickson Lane
Antioch, CA 94509
(925) 757-0404

CULL CANYON

18627 Cull Canyon Road
Castro Valley, CA 94552
(510) 537-2240

DEL VALLE REGIONAL PARK

7000 Del Valle Road
Livermore, CA 94550
(925) 373-0332

DON CASTRO

22400 Woodrope Ave.
Hayward, CA 94541
(510) 538-1148

ROBERTS POOL

10570 Skyline Blvd.
Oakland, CA 94619
(510) 482-6028

SHADOW CLIFFS

2500 Stanley Blvd.
Pleasanton, CA 94566
(925) 846-3000

LAKE TEMESCAL

6502 Broadway Terrace
Oakland, CA 94610
(510) 652-1155

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION REQUIRED—Many programs do not require registration. Simply join the instructor at the location indicated in the program description. Call the phone number listed in the program description if you need further information.

PARK REGISTRATION—For programs requiring registration at a park, call the number indicated in the description. Information will be provided when you call.

LOCAL REGISTRATION—The course codes for programs that require local registration are printed in green throughout this directory. Refer to the instructions below for registration procedures for mail-in, phone or fax registration.

MAIL-IN: Complete the registration form on the back cover of this directory and mail with your payment (pre-printed check or credit card) to: East Bay Regional Park District, Reservations Dept., P.O. Box 5381, Oakland, CA 94605-0381.

WALK-IN: Come to the District Headquarters between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. We are located at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court in Oakland, next door to the Dunsuir House and south of the Oakland Zoo off I-580.

See the map above for directions.

BY FAX: Complete the registration form on the back cover and fax it to (510) 635-5502. Include all the necessary credit card information.

BY PHONE: Phone registration requires a credit card. Call the Reservations Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Fridays. The Reservations Office is closed on weekends and holidays. Please call the phone number for your area:

(510) 636-1684 Hayward (510) 538-6470
(925) 676-0192 Outside East Bay (510) 636-1684
(925) 373-0144

Communications Device for the Deaf: (510) 633-0460

FEES: Fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. They may be paid by pre-printed check, money order, VISA, Mastercard or in cash for walk-in registration. Non-resident fees apply to anyone living outside of Alameda or Contra Costa counties. Parking or park entrance fees may be charged depending on program time and location. Ardenwood entrance fees vary depending on the event or activity. Confirm all fees when registering for a program.

CHECK ACCEPTANCE: Pre-printed checks are accepted for mail-in registration in the Central Reservations Office until two weeks before the program takes place. Make checks payable to EBRPD. Programs registered in the parks will accept checks up until the day of the program. Returned checks will be charged an additional \$15 Returned Check charge.

CREDIT CARDS: VISA, MasterCard and American Express are accepted for all fee programs except those that are registered at a park. Call the phone number in program description for information.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

REFUNDS/TRANSFERS: Refunds or transfers will be processed for programs canceled because registration is below the minimum enrollment at the cutoff date, or if a program is canceled due to inclement weather or instructor illness. Please allow up to three weeks for receipt of refund. If you would prefer to transfer into another program or class and there is space available, your refund will be applied to the fee for that program or class. (See Special Cancellation Policy below for exceptions.)

IF YOU MUST CANCEL: For a full refund or credit toward another program, you must call in your cancellation at least seven days prior to the class or program. Failure to notify the Reservations Office at least seven days in advance of the program date will result in forfeiture of program fees. (See Special Cancellation Policy below for exceptions.)

Special Cancellation Policy: For certain programs requiring the Park District to commit a deposit or guarantee a minimum, refunds will not be available less than 14 days prior to the start of the program. In the case of cancellation due to inclement weather, a credit will be issued for a future class with the same instructor. These programs are noted by "Special Cancellation Policy applies" within the program description.

February-March 2001 Mail-in Registration



East Bay Regional Park District
Attention: Reservations
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, P.O. Box 5381
Oakland, CA 94605-0381

Make checks payable to: EBRPD

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Name (parent or guardian if under 18) _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Day phone _____

Night phone _____

email address _____

Amount \$ _____

Expiration date _____

Authorized signature _____

Participant's Name	Birthdate	Class Title	Code	Date	Fee
	Month/Day/Yr	First Choice			
		Second Choice			
		First Choice			
		Second Choice			
Day Camp Scholarship Fund—provides subsidized day camp experiences for inner-city youth. (Optional)					\$1.00
Subscribe to this publication (Regional in Nature) (Optional)					\$5.00
Submit additional registrations on an attached sheet					Total

Signature required _____ Date _____

Parent or guardian if under 18

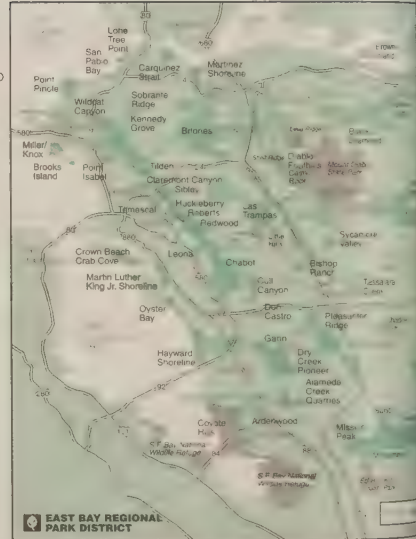


☐ Please check here if you are disabled and in need of special accommodations

How did you hear about our programs? ☐ TV ☐ Newspaper ☐ Visitor Center ☐ Radio ☐ Other

Office Use

Amount paid _____ Check no./cash _____ Register no. _____ Staff initials _____



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Report analyses "quality of life," economic impact

Regional Parks sustains East Bay's liveability as growth continues

The East Bay Regional Park District is a major factor in the economic prosperity of the region it serves, according to a study just completed for the District by Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. (EPS), a prominent economic analysis firm with offices in Berkeley.

Results of the study were presented by EPS Managing Principal Walter Kieser at a luncheon/forum in Oakland on Nov. 2 with the theme of "Quantifying our Quality of Life." There were some 240 attendees, including elected officials, city planners, environmentalists, community developers, and business leaders.

Co-sponsors of the event were the Association of Bay Area Governments, Bay Area Council, Contra Costa Council, Contra Costa Economic Partnership, Economic Development Advisory Board, the Regional Parks Foundation and the Tri-Valley Business Council.

The report's overall conclusion is that East Bay Regional Park District's system of open space, parks, trails and recre-

ational facilities is a key part of the "urban fabric" of the East Bay, crucial to future efforts to sustain the region as it continues to grow and develop.

The report also states that the Park District is a fundamental component of the region's quality of life. Quality of life is in turn a critical factor in sustaining the region's economic prosperity.

"The East Bay Regional Park District's comprehensive network of open space, parks and trails provide economic and quality of life benefits to virtually all East Bay residents," the report says. "Some of these benefits are easily quantifiable, others are less so."

Some specifics Kieser emphasized are:

- About 14 million people visit the regional parks each year, more than the combined annual total for Yosemite National Park, the Monterey Peninsula and the Napa Valley. The value placed on the experience by these visitors, measured by the amount they are willing to pay for it, is estimated conservatively at \$74 million each year.
- The Park District owns and/or operates

some 91,000 acres of public land. Since its establishment in 1934, the District has spent \$365 million in today's dollars to acquire its parks. Their replacement value in today's dollars is \$960 million.

- Parks and trails enhance property values. Properties adjacent to large parks and open spaces derive from 10 percent to 30 percent of their value from this proximity.
- The presence of the Park District results in total direct expenditures by park users in the East Bay of about \$254 million annually in park-related purchases (food, clothing, travel expenses, etc.) About \$74 million of this is net new direct expenditure in the East Bay economy. In other words, total expenditures on all goods in the East Bay are \$74 million higher due to the Park District's presence. When East Bay recipients in turn spend this money, the multiplier effect results in a total annual economic impact of \$148 million.
- With 540 permanent and 215 seasonal employees, the District itself spends about \$80 million annually. About \$9.1 million of this represents net new annual expenditures funded by outside grant money or by payments from non-district residents. The multiplier effect results in a total annual economic impact of \$18.2 million.
- The Park District grazing program generates \$740,000 in gross pasture and range production value each year. It also enhances the ranching industry as a whole by creating larger contiguous areas for grazing uses, which protects them from urbanization.
- Parklands generate health, educational, public safety and transit benefits, because they provide outdoor recreational facilities, environmental education programs, police and fire protection, regional trail networks, and a variety of other public services.
- The Park District's land preservation also provides regional ecosystem services such as wildlife habitat, air quality enhancement, water supply, and erosion control.
- The District's parks, open space and wildlife habitat help to create a permanent urban edge in the East Bay.

Turning to the future, Kieser said challenges include preserving dwindling open space to keep pace with population growth and recreational demands; meeting state and federal mandates on a broad spectrum of services; and obtaining adequate financial support to accomplish Park District goals.

Kieser noted that the tax revenue received by the Park District from the average property owner amounts to about \$80 a year. The return on this in terms of economic benefits is ample, he said.

Park District General Manager Pat O'Brien called the economic study "a timely, important, vital part of Park District planning efforts."

For copies of the summary or the full report call (510) 544-2200, or download the Acrobat PDF document from the Park District's Web site: www.ebparks.org.

Average Annual Park Visitation*

Activity	Park ^A Visits	Trail Visits	Total Visits
Walking, hiking, running, etc	2,795,000	1,745,000	4,540,000
Bicycle riding	785,000	1,330,000	2,115,000
Dog walking	1,525,000	425,000	1,950,000
Other ^B	1,410,000	135,000	1,545,000
Picnicking	1,320,000	0	1,320,000
Fishing	490,000	10,000	500,000
Swimming	450,000	10,000	460,000
Equestrian	290,000	90,000	380,000
Environ. education ^C	290,000	0	290,000
Meadows	250,000	0	250,000
Camping	240,000	0	240,000
Golfing	190,000	0	190,000
Boating/ windsurfing	100,000	0	100,000
Rental facilities ^D	80,000	0	80,000
Special recreation ^E	30,000	0	30,000
Total	10,245,000	3,745,000	13,990,000

^A The use of "Parks" refers to use of all parks and open space, all trails internal to these parks and all recreational facilities associated with these parks.

^B Includes general use not specifically associated with any other category.

^C Includes visits associated with visitor centers' program participation.

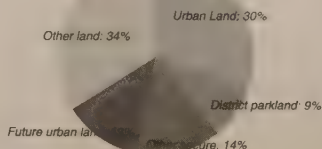
^D Includes use of facilities for meetings, banquet and food services.

^E Special recreation includes archery, marksmanship, model trains and boats.

Sources: Park District Operations Department; Strategy Research Institute; Economic & Planning Systems, Inc.

* Average annual park visitation represents the mid-point of high (15.5 million) and low (12.5 million) visitation estimates for 1999. This range was derived using three independent sources of data. These include visitation estimates by East Bay Regional Park District unit managers, as well as medium and high propensity voter surveys and the Longitudinal Monitoring Study, both conducted by Strategy Research Institute.

Land inventory in
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May 7 deadline summer natural reservations

Regional Parks natural history programs for school and other organized groups. Reservations requests must be made by the Visitor Center where the service by 5 p.m. on May 7. Summer reservation.

For more information, contact the Visitor Center; phone number on page 7.

Factors choose planning consultant for Eastshore State Park

Roberts and Todd, Inc. (WRT), a San Francisco planning firm that has worked on major projects nationwide, was selected by the East Bay

Park District Directors to carry out public planning for the Eastshore State Park. The project board has allocated action, the project board has allocated a \$25,000 with Citizens Eastshore State Park to a history of the project's creation. Members have joined for the effort in the

actions taken at the meeting on 21 in

action to the

With WRT was made by Director of El Cerrito, who has been working in many years in efforts to the San Francisco Bay shoreline habitat and public recreation. During the motion, Director Ted Martinez described the East Bay as "something I grew up able to be here and make this

major step forward is just wonderful," Radke said.

The Eastshore State Park comprises 1,800 acres along eight miles of shoreline between Oakland and Richmond. After lengthy and

complex negotiations, the property was acquired from the Santa Fe/Catellus Development Corporation for approximately \$27.5 million by the Park District, acting as agent for the state of California.

Funding was from State Park Bond Act revenues and the Park District's Measure AA.

The property includes wetlands, a

beach and uplands along the shoreline, with

spectacular views of the bay and San Francisco. Wildlife habitat, nature study, shoreline trails, picnic areas and outdoor recreation are all potential uses of the land.

Stephen Hammond, director of planning for WRT, outlined an elaborate planning process that will be followed to gather facts and obtain information from the public. Besides meetings with focus

groups and "stakeholders," WRT plans three public workshops with follow-up local briefings.

WRT will work with each of the five cities in which the shoreline park is located, to determine how the local briefings will be conducted. The cities are Richmond, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland. The park plan is required by law to be consistent with each city's general plan.

There will be a total of 18 public meetings, with a goal of presenting a final recommendation to the State Parks and Recreation Commission by October 2002.

The state commission is the agency with the responsibility for certifying the final environmental impact report and adopting the plan. The planning process will be funded by multiple sources, including a \$300,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy, \$197,000 from the state Parks and Recreation budget, \$900,000 from Prop. 12 State Park Bond funds, and some additional Eastshore State Park remediation funds.

"I think it's going to be a really interesting project," said Robin Ettinger, an associate landscape architect with the State Department of Parks and Recreation, who will be working with the Park District on the project. "It's something we can leave as a legacy."

The Eastshore State Park project will soon have its own telephone number and Web site. Telephone callers will be able to leave a message, and hear recorded basic project information, such as meeting dates.

resource management and recreational use objectives.

There are three Park District directors and five Park Advisory Committee (PAC) members on the Grazing Review Task Force. The chair is Director Beverly Lane of Dublin. The two other Directors are Ayn Wieskamp of Livermore and Carol Severin of Castro Valley. PAC members on the Task Force are Ron Crane, Frank Jurik, Jeff Houston, Howard Thomas and Henry Losee.

Establishment of the Task Force was recommended last February by Park District General Manager Pat O'Brien. The Park District's last major review of its range management policies took place about 10 years ago. Since then there have been several major developments, such as listings of new endangered species, expansion of the regional parklands by 26,000 acres, and increased urbanization of the East Bay.

All of these trends made it appropriate to bring together Park District staff, the public and land management experts for an objective, scientific review of the

grazing program, O'Brien said.

The Task Force held its first meeting on April 25, and has since conducted six additional public meetings. It has heard testimony from the public, environmental organizations, water districts, open space and park agencies, fire departments, wildlife specialists and regulatory agencies. Task Force members also have taken field trips to several regional parks.

Grazing also has been the focus for the Grazing Management Review Group, a District staff committee formed in 1999. Several recommendations made by that group are already being enacted, including transfer of authority for day-to-day grazing management to the supervisors of the parks where grazing is permitted.

About 51,000 of the District's 92,000 acres are used for grazing on a rotational or seasonal basis. Fire control and resource management are the fundamental purposes.

For more information about the Grazing Task Force, see the "Board and Committee Meetings" section of the Park District's Web site at www.ebparks.org.

GREATHOUSE VISITOR CENTER

View the workings of a 20th-century sand mine and learn about the lives of 19th-century coal miners in the Greathouse Visitor Center. Artifacts and photographs are displayed and a video featuring former Mt. Diablo coalfield residents is shown. The Visitor Center is open from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays March through November. Parking fee: \$4. For information call (925) 757-2620.

HAZEL-ATLAS SILICA SAND MINE

Explore the underground through a guided tour and learn its history, geology, and the methods used to mine the sandstone. Hour-long advance reservation tours are offered at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. March through November. First-come/first-serve tours are offered at noon and 3 p.m. only. These underground tours are for persons age 7 and older only. Fee: \$3; parking fee: \$4. For information call (925) 757-2620.

CRAB COVE REOPENS SATURDAY, MARCH 3

The public will be welcomed with a day-long schedule of special activities starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 3, when Crab Cove Visitor Center at Crown Beach in Alameda opens its doors for the 2001 season. Storytelling, a nature walk, crafts, and a whale watch orientation will all be on the agenda. Refreshments will be served. Crab Cove is located at 1252 McKay Ave. off Central Avenue in Alameda. Admission is free; parking is \$4. Call 521-6887 for more information.

PUBLIC SAFETY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Assist District staff in the delivery of essential services, including educating trail users about trail safety; assisting with helicopter rescues; promoting fire-safe practices; supplementing police in patrol activities and incident response. Certifications and/or training are required for all programs. Flight Medics—Officer White, Info: (510) 785-3370. Reserve Police Officer—Officer Hall, Info: (510) 544-3131. Trail Safety Patrol: Bicycle Unit, Mounted Unit, Hiking Unit, Companion Dog Unit—Larry Kiefer, Info: (510) 544-3133.

Grazing Task Force mulls recommendations following seven public meetings

The District's Grazing Review Task Force has been conducting public meetings since April to gather information on the Park District's cattle grazing program, is now starting the next phase of its job—analyzing the data and formulating recommendations to the Park District Board of Directors by the early spring of 2001. The report to the Task Force on Nov. 15, the Park District staff recommended that the Task Force evaluate the grazing program for consistency with the 1992 Wildland Management Policies and Guidelines, and laws related to the protection of endangered species, and any other regarding fire protection. The Task Force also recommended that the Task Force evaluate vegetation management practices other than grazing, considering costs, benefits and applicability to park areas.

In its review, the Task Force will recommend modifications to its practices, guidelines and/or management activities in order to achieve

Ardenwood hours and admission

Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Admission Tuesday, Tuesday-Sunday—\$1
adults/seniors, 50 cents students/children.
Under 4 years free. **Special event fees are higher.** Patterson House tours, train rides,
and food service return in April. **Program**
information: (510) 796-0663.

ARDENWOOD

FARM VOLUNTEER TRAINING

7-8:30pm, Thur. Feb. 1, 15, March 1, 15;
9am-12:30pm, Sat. Feb. 10, 24, March 10
Christina Garcia

Cook on a woodstove, demonstrate antique farm
machinery, care for farm animals and teach his-
toric crafts. After training, you'll bring history alive
for schoolchildren and families as an Ardenwood
volunteer. (14+ yrs)

Fee: \$10 **Reg. Required: (510) 796-0199**

BARNYARD BUDDIES

10:30-11:30am, Sat. Feb. 3, 10, 17 &
24, March 3, Sun. Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 17

Bring your little tykes to feed the goats, hunt for
eggs, and pet a sheep and bunny.

BETTER BUTTER

11am-noon, Sat. Feb. 3, Sun. Mar. 11

Help churn cream into butter, then taste your crea-
tion on crackers.

ROPE AND HAY

1-2pm, Sat. Feb. 3, Sun. Feb. 18 &
Sat. March 24

Help make rope with our antique machine, then
see how a few pulleys makes hoisting hay bales
into the barn loft a cinch.

OLD FASHIONED SOAP MAKING

1-4pm, Sat. Feb. 3 #4702 *Sara Fetterly*

Learn to creating beautiful and fragrant lye-based
soaps from the Victorian era. Color and spice your
soaps with herbs from our garden. (12+ yrs)

Fee: \$20 adult, \$17 senior (Non res. \$22/\$19)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

ARDENWOOD PAST AND PRESENT

10-11am, Sun. Feb. 4

Discover the 100-year-old mysteries of this work-
ing historic farm. On a stroll of the grounds, find
out who lived here and what life was like at the
turn of the last century.

BUTTERFLY CRAFT

11am-noon, Sun. Feb. 4 *Suzanne Sparks*

Learn about the many butterflies of Ardenwood
while creating a beautiful butterfly sun-catcher to
take home.

FARMYARD FUN SCAVENGER HUNT

12:30-1:30pm, Sun. Feb. 4 *Sara Fetterly*

Discover history's mysteries! Use this scavenger
hunt to explore the farm and help find Ardenwood's
hidden treasures. Fun for the whole family, and
prizes too!

LAUNDRY DAY

1:30-2:30pm, Sun. Feb. 4 & Sat. Feb. 10

Step back to the days before washing machines,
when doing laundry was a dreaded task. Try your
hand at the dolly stick or wringer as you help us on
laundry day.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY WALKS

11am, 1 & 2pm, Sat. Feb. 10 & Sun. Feb. 11
Gaeta Bell & Staff

See clusters of butterflies hanging from eucalyp-
tus branches and learn about the mysterious mi-
gration of these majestic insects.

HEIRLOOM KITCHEN GARDEN

2-3pm, Sat. Feb. 10 & Sun. Mar. 18 *Gaeta Bell*

Help weed, turn compost, and prepare the soil beds
for spring planting in the vegetable garden. Learn
the histories of your favorite vegetables and pick-
up some gardening tips.

WINTER FARM STORES

11am-noon, Sun. Feb. 11 *Gaeta Bell*
We'll build a fire in the wood stove, share some
farm treats and read some favorite farmyard tales.

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS

1-2pm, Sun. Feb. 11 & Mar. 18
Young farmers are invited to help with the after-
noon chores. Shell and grind corn, check the hen
house for eggs, clean the animal pens.

LIFE ON THE FARM

1:30-3pm, Sat. Feb. 17 *Christina Garcia*
Tour the grounds of this 205-acre farm. Peek into
the outhouse and Milk House and learn what life
was like here over 100 years ago.

PRUNING TIME

10:30am-noon, Sun. Feb. 18 *Christina Garcia*
Now is the time to prune your roses and fruit trees.
Watch a rose pruning demonstration and learn the
techniques you need to produce a healthy and pro-
ductive bush. Go into the orchard to learn to prune
different fruit and nut trees for maximum yield.

SNUGGLE BUNNIES

2-3pm, Sun. Feb. 18 & Sat. March 24
Pet our cuddly bunnies. Learn what sounds they
make and how to keep them happy and healthy.

WORKING WITH WOOL

1-3:30pm, Sat. Feb. 24 & March 3 *Reinertson*
See how sheep's wool becomes yarn. Learn to use
wool cards, see how a spinning wheel works, and
take a turn with the drop spindle.

TENDING THE HERBS

11am-noon, Sun. Feb. 25, & March 4
Tara Reinertson

Help plant our spring herb garden. Learn the his-
tory of herbal remedies and the folklore of Victo-
rian garden herbs. After our hard work we'll try a
glass of refreshing mint tea.

HERBAL LIP BALMS AND LOTIONS

1-3pm, Sun. Feb. 25 #4701 *Tara Reinertson*
Create your own lip balm or lotion the old-fash-
ioned way. We will learn to identify the herbs from
our Victorian garden and how to make soothing
salves. Fee includes Ardenwood admission.
Fee: \$10 adult/\$9 senior/\$7.50 child
(non. res. \$12/\$11/\$9.50)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

HERBAL DREAM PILLOWS

1-3pm, Sun. March 4 #4700 *Tara Reinertson*
Making a dream pillow from flowers and herbs
from our Victorian herb garden. Learn what kinds
of herbs are used for relaxation and better sleep.
Fee includes Ardenwood admission. (6+ yrs.)
Fee: \$10 adult/\$9 senior/\$8.50 child
(non. res. \$12/\$11/\$9.50)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

A HOME BREWING WORKSHOP

1-3pm, Sundays March 4, 11, 25 #4699 *Ira Bleiz*
We'll brew and bottle a special batch of Ardenwood
ale for you to take home. Discover the ancient art
of home brewing in this three-part, hands-on work-
shop. You'll boil the wort, pitch the yeast and ex-
plore the natural history of fermentation. (21+ yrs)
Fee: \$20 (non. res. \$22)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

JOHNNY APPLESEED DAY

11am-3pm, Sat. Mar. 10 *Sara Fetterly & Staff*
Celebrate Johnny Appleseed, one of America's fa-
vorite folk heroes. Learn about the apple's journey
across America as you plant heirloom apple trees
and enjoy an afternoon of cider pressing, crafts,
stories, and apple treats.

OLD-FASHIONED GAMES

1-2pm, Sun. Mar. 11
Join us for some old-time fun-sack races, the po-
tato spoon race, and the ever-popular tug-o-war.

BIGGER BUBBLES

2-3pm, Sun. Mar. 11
Try your hand at making giant-size bubbles while
learning how soap and bubbles came to be.

POTATO LORE AND MORE

1-3pm, Sat. Mar. 17 *Gaeta Bell*
Help plant this year's heirloom potato crop. Learn
the fascinating history of this important food.

ST. PATRICK'S LEGEND

2-3pm, Sat. Mar. 17 *Marion Noble*
Are there really no snakes in Ireland? Join us as
we learn about legendary and local snakes. Explore
their reptile life-style as you meet a snake up close
and personal.

STARTING SPRING VEGETABLES

11am-noon, Sun. Mar. 18 *Gaeta Bell*
Stop by the greenhouse and help get our heirloom
kitchen garden off to a good start. Learn the best
time to plant, and bring a small container to start
your own vegetable garden.

BIRD NEST SEARCH

10-11:30am, Sun. March 25 *Christina Garcia*
We'll discuss the many different types of birds'
nests, from platforms to scrapes to pendants, and
then set out on a hunt to find as many as we can
around the farm.

CHICKEN FEED

11am-noon, Sun. March 25 & Sat. March 31
Meet at the Barn to crack some corn for the chick-
ens, then visit the coop to gather eggs and discover
the meaning of the pecking order.

FEATHER HUNTING HIKE

1-2pm, Sun. March 25 *Lisa Gutierrez*
Explore the fields and grounds in search of feath-
ers to make a farmyard craft. This is a fun way to
learn about the birds of Ardenwood and how they
use their different features.

A WALK IN THE PARK

9-10:30am, Sat. March 31 *Christina Garcia*
Meet at the Train Station for a 2-mile walking tour
of the farm. We'll explore the orchards, fields and
hidden corners of this 205-acre agricultural pre-
serve.

WONDERFUL WOOL

1-2pm, Sat. March 31 *Christina Garcia*
Find out the many steps involved in turning sheep's
wool into warm clothing. Pick and card our fleeces,
then see how the spinning wheel and loom are used.

ANIMAL FEEDING

3pm, all Thurs, Fri, Sat, & Sun.
Help check the henhouse for eggs, feed the goats,
and bring hay to the livestock. You'll learn all the
animals' favorite foods as you help shift the farm
down for the evening.

AMERICAN INDIAN

SHELLMOUND TOUR

Staff
3-4pm, Sat. Feb. 3, 10am-noon, Sat. Mar. 24
Tour the 2000-year old site of an Ohlone village
and study archaeological clues that reveal the
lifestyle of its early inhabitants.
Fee: \$2 person/\$5 family
Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385

CALIFORNIA INDIAN CORDAGE

Jan Southworth
Coyote Hills
1:30-3:30pm, Sat. Mar. 24
Make strong rope or fine string using cattails, tule
or dogbane. Then make a shell or seed necklace or
bracelet. (10+ yrs)
Fee: \$10 **Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385**

ARTS/CRAFTS

FROM CANDLES TO WHALES

Gail Broedster
Crab Cove
10am-12:30pm, Sat. Feb. 3
Discover the connection between candles and
sperm whales as we make our dipped candles and
explore their rich history. (8+ yrs)
Fee: \$2 **Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887**

WHEAT WEAVING WORKSHOP/TEA

Jan Southworth
Coyote Hills
1-3pm, Sat. Feb. 10 #4736
Weave a Mordford Heart to take home to your
sweetheart for Valentine's Day. Then enjoy a tra-
ditional English tea party. (12+ yrs)
Fee: \$15 adult/\$10 child (non-res. \$17/\$12)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

FLOWER GALLERY

Lauren Kelly
Tilden Nature Area
10am-noon, Sat. Mar. 17
Discover botanical illustration. Learn basic flower

anatomy and techniques for cer-
paper. Identify and draw local in-
siders; paper provided

Fee: \$2 **Info: (510) 796-0663**

A HISTORY OF BEADWORK

Tilden Nature Area
2-4pm, Sun. Mar. 18
A short history of beads and how to
necklace or other small piece of
Fee: \$4 **Info: (510) 796-0663**

BIRDING

EARLY A.M. BIRDWALK

Tilden Nature Area
8-11am, Sun. Feb. 4
We'll bird the farm, fields and
Info: (510) 525-2233

BOAT TOUR

ARMCHAIR WHALE WATCH
Crab Cove
11am-noon, Sat. Mar. 3

See a gray whale slide show. We'll
migration, habits and what to ex-
watch boat trip
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887

SPRING CRUISE ON THE SA

California Delta
10am-3pm, Sun. Mar. 18

Celebrate spring's arrival with a
Joaquin River on the double
Bethel Island. Hearty buffet
alcohol, please. (8+ yrs)
Fee: \$52 (non-res. \$58)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

COAL MINING

GREEN ALIENS

Black Diamond
10-11:30am, Sat. Feb. 10
Examine exotic plants introduced
on a short walk through a forest
(8+ yrs). **Info: (925) 757-2620**

MINES, MINERS, AND MEND

Black Diamond
10am-noon, Sat. Feb. 17
Discover the work of miners &
minerals they sought as we visit
and Manhattan Canyon trails. **Info: (925) 757-2620**

MEMORIES IN MARBLE

Black Diamond
10am-noon, Sat. Feb. 24
Hear mining tales of life and
through the Somersville townsite
etery. Be prepared for mud. **Info: (925) 757-2620**

EDUCATORS

WORKSHOPS

EDUCATORS ACADEMY'S

EXPLORING BIODIVERSITY

Tilden Nature Area *Kelly*
9am-4pm, Sat. Feb. 24

9am-1pm, Sun. Feb. 25
Ideal for primary and middle school
want to use this award-winning
ware in class. In-depth introduction
natural history. Two CSJH work-
able. Includes continental breakfast.
Fee: Several fee structures
Reg. Required: (925) 287-0010

WONDERFUL WHALES

Crab Cove/Half Moon Bay
5-9pm, Thu. Mar. 8, 8:30am

9am-1pm, Sun. Mar. 11
Did you know that "killer whale"
dolphins, and that dolphins are
Unravel these mysteries and enjoy
depth evening course at Crab Cove
whale-watching course on the
mation and experience gained
enhance any whale or ocean
Fee: \$35 (non-res. \$39) plus credit
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

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LEY NATURE RIDE

Staff

10:30-11:55am, Sun. Feb. 11 #4704, #4705, Mar. 11 #4706, 18 #4707
We'll explore the cultural and natural history of Sunol; enjoy a 20-minute horseback ride. (6+ yrs)
\$17 (non-res. \$19) includes rental horse
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

FARMING

MMIES IN THE FOUR TUMMIES

Marina Ernst

10:40-5pm, Fri. March 16
Allow "four-stomached" ruminants digest their feed. Feed the animals and tuck them in.
\$10 (510) 525-2233

CHICKEN RUN

Men Nature Area Jessica Sheppard

10-11am, Sun. March 18
Join the chickens, discover green eggs, the peck-order, and other fowl facts.
\$8 (510) 525-2233

OUT LIKE A LAMB

Men Nature Area Jessica Sheppard

10:30-11:30am, Sun. March 25
Join the sheep and feel some wool. March is traditionally the month of lambing, and our sheep should be ready to see. Info: (510) 525-2233

FISHING

INTRO TO FLYFISHING

Fish First!

10am-5pm, Sun. Feb. 11 #4720, Mar. 11 #4721
Introductory to the beginning angler, three hours of class-instruction introduces knots, fly selection, casting the wade, and more. Three hours at Lake Mary practice casting with coaching from a certified flycasting instructor. (18+ yrs)
\$40 (non-res. \$66)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

EARN TO FISH CLINIC

Alexander/Lambert

Mar. 17, 8:30am #4737, 9:30am #4738
10:30am #4739, 11:30am #4740
Learn about fish and how to catch them—casting, tying, and baiting. Fish our trout pond. One-on-one instruction, one-half hour fishing. No fishing license or permit required. We provide rods, lures, and bait. Limit 5 trout. Age 15 years and older must be accompanied by an adult.
\$10 (non-res. \$12)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

THURSDAY MORNING BIRDWALKS

Beginners welcome; we have some binoculars to loan. Appropriate for 10+ yrs; dogs OK at Pt. Isabel only.

Pt. Isabel, Alan Kaplan, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Thurs., Feb. 1: Shorebirds. Meet at the parking lot on Isabel Street, just off Central Avenue (past Costco) in Richmond. Info: (510) 525-2233. Tilden Nature Area, Alan Kaplan, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Thurs., Feb. 1: Migration, residents and winter visitors. Info: (510) 525-2233. Wildcat Creek Regional Trail, Alan Kaplan, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Thurs., March 1: Birds at the urban/creek interface. Meet in the bayside parking lot between Gertrude and Pittsburg avenues on the Richmond Parkway. Info: (510) 525-2233. Tilden, Alan Kaplan, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Thurs., March 8: Meet at the parking lot opposite the Pony Ride for a look at Wildcat Creek bird trails. Info: (510) 525-2233. Ironhouse Sanitary District, Oakley, Mike Moran, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thurs., March 8: Our avian pals along the Delta Wetlands of Ironhouse Sanitary District. Info: (925) 757-2620. Round Valley, Mike Moran, 9:11-10 a.m., Thurs., March 22: Golden eagles and other avian marvels. Info: (925) 757-2620

GARDENING

CONIFERS OF CALIFORNIA

Botanic Garden Alan Kaplan

10am-noon, Sun. Feb. 11
Take a closer look at some of the best trees in the Golden State. Info: (510) 525-2233

PARK PARTNERS IN THE GARDEN

Coyote Hills Jan Southworth

9:30-11:30am, Sat. Mar. 10
Celebrate the coming spring by weeding and planting in the nectar garden. We'll conclude with refreshments served in the garden. (10+ yrs)
Info: (510) 795-9385

BUTTERFLY GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

Coyote Hills Jan Southworth

1:30-4pm, Sat. Mar. 10
The garden is open and the butterflies and hummingers are at play and work. Observe them in action and learn more about wildlife gardening.
Info: (510) 795-9385

WORK IN THE GARDEN

Tilden Nature Area Jessica Sheppard

12:30-2pm, Sun. March 18
Put in young plants that the local butterfly species can use, and pull out the "weeds." Learn about the butterfly life cycle and what you can plant to attract them. Bring gloves if you have them.
Info: (510) 525-2233

GOLF

TEE IT UP 1 (New Golfer)

Tilden Park Golf Course American Golf Corp.

8:30-10am, Sat. Feb. 10, 17, 24, & Mar. 3 #4722
10:30am-noon, Thur. Feb. 15, 22, Mar. 1, & 8

#4723
8:30-10am, Sun. Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, & 18 #4724
For the new golfer. We guarantee you'll be ready to play on the course after this 6-hour class. Fee includes membership in the AGPA (benefits include free green fees and balls); free loaner clubs while at range; and on-course lesson with a golf pro.
Fee: \$135 (non-res. \$149)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

HIKES

TRAILS CHALLENGE/MAY MARATHON

Trails Challenge #4734 Hikers, bikers, equestrians—register to receive the Trails Challenge Guidebook, complete with maps and descriptions of this

year's featured trails. Complete five trails before Dec. 31 and receive the commemorative pin. May Marathon #4735 Hike ride, skate or run 26 miles on Challenge trails in the month of May. All May Marathon participants will receive a Trails Challenge T-shirt plus this year's commemorative pin. FEE: \$5 Trails Challenge; \$12 May Marathon (includes Trails Challenge)
Reg Required: (510) 636-1684

SAND AND CHAPARRAL

Black Diamond Bob Kanagaki

10-11:30am, Sat. Feb. 3
Investigate the natural and human history along the hilly, one-mile Chaparral Loop Trail. Rain cancels.
Info: (925) 757-2620

IT'S SPRING—REALLY!

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan

1-4pm, Sun. Feb. 4
The natural seasons precede the calendar! Go home from this hike convinced it's not winter anymore.
Info: (510) 525-2233

WEDNESDAY WALKS

Various parks Christina Garcia

9:30-11:30am, various dates
Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. Hikes are rain or shine. Info: (510) 796-0199. Alameda Creek—Feb. 7: Easy 5 miles. Meet at the Beard Road Staging Area. Sycamore Grove, Livermore—Feb. 21: Flat and easy 4 miles. Hayward Shoreline—Feb. 28: Three mile loop. Meet at the West Winton parking area. Lake Chabot—March 7: Moderate 4 miles to the Dam. Coyote Hills—March 21: Gently rolling 3 miles on the Bayview Trail. Alameda Creek—March 28: Meet at William Cann Park in Union City for a flat 4 miles along the creek.

LOVE IN THE WILDERNESS

Sunol Cindy Gateño

1-4:30pm, Sat. Feb. 10
On a 3-mile walk in the hills, we'll watch for amphibians and other amorous creatures. Bring snack/water. Dress for mud and creek crossings. (6+ yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

SALAMANDERS!

Sunol Cindy Gateño

1-4:30pm, Sat. Feb. 24
Look for salamanders on a 3-mile round trip walk. Prepare for hills, mud, and creek crossings as we make our way to the newt pond. (6+ yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

HABITAT HIKE

Redwood Gail Broesder

11am-3pm, Sat. Feb. 24
We'll explore redwood, eucalyptus, serpentine prairie, oak/bay habitats and more. (7+ yrs)
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887

A WINTRY WALK TO LITTLE YOSEMITE

Sunol Cindy Gateño

1-3:45pm, Sat. Mar. 3
Join us for a 3-mile round trip hike in the hills overlooking Alameda Creek before descending into Little Yosemite to admire the wintry cascades. No organized groups please. (6+ yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

SPRING INTO NATURE

Tilden Nature Area Jessica Sheppard

1-4pm, Sun. March 4
Hike for your health to celebrate the new season and see what's happening out in the woods. Prepare for the mud; heavy rain cancels.
Info: (510) 525-2233

LATE WINTER IN HIGH VALLEY

Sunol Cindy Gateño

9am-1pm, Sat. Mar. 10
We'll make our way up the reaches of Indian Joe Creek to High Valley. Be prepared for mud and creek hopping. Bring a snack and drink. (6+ yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

MOTHER NATURE'S BLOOMERS

Las Trampas Norm Kidder

10am-1pm, Sat. Mar. 10
Look for early spring wildflowers in the chaparral and oak woodland on this semi-strenuous 3-mile hike. Bring water, lunch and appropriate clothing.
Info: (925) 862-2601

FLAG HILL

Sunol Cindy Gateño

8am-12:30pm, Sun. Mar. 18
Climb to the top of this local landmark (up to 4 miles round trip). Bring lunch and beverage. Be prepared for some steep uphill hiking. (7+ yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

NEW MOON HIKE

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan

6-9pm, Fri. Mar. 23
We'll hike from the Visitor Center to Wildcat Peak.
Info: (510) 525-2233

A PEAK AT MAGUIRE PEAKS

Sunol Cindy Gateño

9am-2pm, Sat. Mar. 24
We'll take a 5-mile stroll around the Maguire Peaks Loop Trail. Bring lunch, water and binoculars. We'll carpool to the trailhead parking area. (7+ yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

SKYLINE NATIONAL TRAIL

Skyline National Trail Gail Broesder

10am-2pm, Sat. Mar. 24
We'll cover 7 miles of the 31-mile Skyline Trail today. Meet at Inspiration Point to hike north to Wildcat Canyon, through rolling grassy hills and an oak/madrone/bay forest. Next month we'll cover another section of the Skyline Trail. (7+ yrs)
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887

OLD WAYS WORKSHOPS

Registration required for both programs: (510) 636-1684. Info: (925) 862-2601. Basic Twined Baskets, Sunol, Norm Kidder, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat. Feb. 24 #4703 Use native sandbar willow to make a basic storage basket or woodpecker trap. (16+ yrs). Fee: \$35 (Non-res. \$39). Edible and Usable Plants, Coyote Hills, Norm Kidder, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat. March 24 #4706 A morning of foraging followed by a "wild lunch" (bring something to supplement our salad). Then make a soaproot brush using string you'll make from dogbane stalks. (14+ yrs). Fee: \$26 (Non-res. \$30).

SEA KAYAKING CLINICS & TRIPS

All trips are taught by professional kayak instructors utilizing very stable single and double kayaks, perfect for beginners and children. REGISTRATION REQUIRED: (510) 636-1684. Special Cancellation Policy applies; see page 7.

INTRODUCTION TO KAYAKING & TOUR COMBOS

10am-4pm, Sat. Feb. 24, Brooks Island—CCK #4712

10am-4pm, Sat. Mar. 24, Brooks Island—CCK #4716

10am-4pm, Sun. Mar. 25, Brooks Island—CCK #4713

This format provides a brief introduction to equipment and paddle strokes combined with a tour of one of the East Bay's aquatic jewels. (13+ yrs)
Fee: \$70 (non-res. \$78)

INTRODUCTION TO BAY PADDLING (INTERMEDIATE)

9:30am-3:30pm, Sat. Feb. 10, MLK Shoreline—CA #4719

For aggressive beginners or paddlers with previous experience. An in-depth focus on developing the skills necessary to go paddling on your own. Learn proper strokes and maneuvers, safety awareness, rescue techniques, and tide and current basics. Opportunity to get wet while practicing self-rescues; earn a certification qualifying you to rent your own kayak. Youth 5-12 must be accompanied by an adult in a double kayak.
Fee: Adult 13+ yrs-\$75 (non-res. \$83); Ages 5-12 - \$55 (non-res. \$61)

DISCOVER KAYAKING (BEG.)

11am-3:30pm, Sat. Feb. 17, Lake Chabot, CA #4719

11am-3:30pm, Sun. Mar. 25, Lake Chabot, CA #4718


Paddle a kayak on calm water. Learn equipment selection and paddling techniques, paddle single kayakers on a tour of Lake Chabot. Double kayakers available on request, and for parent/child paddlers. Youth 5-12 must be accompanied by an adult in a double kayak.
Fee: Adult 13+ yrs - \$65 (non-res. \$73); Ages 5-12 - \$45 (non-res. \$51)

ABOUT OUR DESTINATIONS


Brooks Island: A secluded island in San Francisco Bay with limited accessibility. Only one-half mile off the Richmond shoreline, this pristine landscape makes visitors feel a world away. Tour the island to view native plants, birds and seals, breathtaking cityscapes. Lake Chabot: Lots of inlets and bays to explore in this 315-acre lake. MLK Shoreline: Paddle in sheltered Bay waters and explore Arrowhead Marsh, home to an abundant shorebird population. Full day trips may include tour along Alameda's Crown Beach.

NEWS IN A VOLCANO!!


Sibley Nancy Krebs
1-4pm, Sat. Mar. 24
See news in seasonal pools in the "root" of the extinct Round Top Volcano. (8+ yrs)
No fee Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887

TUNNEL #3 
Lake Chabot Gail Broesder

10am-1pm, Sat. Mar. 31
Take a step back in time, walk to the dam and explore the history of this reservoir. (7+ yrs)
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887


HIKE UP THE BACKSIDE 
Sunol Cindy Gateño

9am-3:30pm, Sat. Mar. 31
A 10.5-mile round-trip hike up the back side of Mission Peak on the Ohlone Wilderness Trail. Bring lunch and a beverage. Dress in layers. Ohlone Wilderness Trail permits required for \$2. (8+ yrs)
Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601


WOMEN ON COMMON GROUND 
Locations vary Katie Colbert

call for dates/times
Naturalist-led programs for women whose concern for personal safety keeps them from enjoying their parks. For information send a legal-sized SASE to "WOCG," Sunol Regional Wilderness, P.O. Box 82, Sunol, CA 94586. (Adults)
Fee: varies Info: (925) 862-2601


LLAMA TOUR

LLAMA DAY TRIP 
Redwood LAMAS


10am-4pm, Mar. 31 #4725, Apr. 1 #4726
Llamas will carry your picnic lunches and personal items on this 4-6 mile hike. Lead a llama for part of the trip. Special Cancellation Policy applies; see page 7. (8+ yrs)
Fee: \$35/person (non-res. \$39)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

NATURE EXPLORATION 
MOSEY MARSH CREEK TO BIG BREAK


Marsh Creek Trail, Oakley Mike Moran
10am-12:30pm, Sun. Mar. 4
Let's take a 3.5-mile spring stroll along a flat paved section of the trail out to Big Break in Oakley.
Info: (925) 757-2620

TRACKING 
Tilden Nature Area Jessica Sheppard

9:30-10:30am, Sun. Mar. 4
Learn to read the signs animals leave behind and make a track booklet to take home.
Info: (510) 525-2233


NATURE OBSERVATION 
Tilden Nature Area Jessica Sheppard

3-4pm, Tue. March 20 and 27
Join a naturalist and learn lessons from the greatest teacher of all: Nature. Bring binoculars, sketch books, or questions.
Info: (510) 525-2233

DELTA SAFARI 
Grizzly Island State Rec. Area Mike Moran


11am-2:30pm, Sun. Mar. 25
Join us for a wildlife extravaganza in the largest contiguous marsh in the continental United States! We'll explore the home of thousands of birds and stronghold of the great tule elk.
Reg. Required: (925) 757-2620

ROCKCLIMBING

BASIC ROCKCLIMBING 
Sunol Moving Over Stone


9am-3pm, Sat. Mar. 3 #4727, Mar. 17 #4728, Mar. 31 #4729
Rock climbing with professional instructors for novices and those who have climbed indoors. Covers holds, stance, and rope safety. Climb up to fifty feet. Equipment including climbing shoes provided. Parent participation required. (8+ yrs)
Fee: \$85 (non-res. \$95)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

SENIORS

LOVE IS IN THE AIR 
Sunol Joanne Dean-Freemire


10am-3pm, Mon. Feb. 5
... and in the water as we search for salamanders, eagles and other courtship creatures. We may walk up to 5 miles to reach the breeding ponds. Bring rain gear, lunch and water. (50+ yrs)
Info: (925) 862-2601

SUSHI


SUSHI FOR THE MORE ADVENTUROUS 
Tilden Nature Area Linda Yemoto

11am-2pm, Sat. Feb. 17 #4709
During this hands-on workshop, you will hear the history of this ancient cuisine, learn the basics of making sushi and taste several exotic varieties. Parent participation required for kids 8-10 years.
Fee: Adult \$30, Senior \$25, Child 8-12 \$20.
Non-res. Adult \$34, Senior \$29, Child \$24
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

VOLUNTEERS!

BUTTERFLY GARDEN TRAIL BUILDING 
Coyote Hills Jan Southworth

9:30-11am, Sat. Feb. 10
Trail maintenance in the nectar garden will provide easier viewing of the butterflies and hummingbirds at play there. Refreshments provided. (9+ yrs)
Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385


SITE STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 
Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan

2-4pm, Sun. Feb. 25
Bring gloves and wear a long-sleeved shirt for removing non-native vegetation to free up habitat for local plants. (9+ yrs)
Info: (510) 525-2233

WORK IN THE WILD 
Tilden Nature Area Jessica Sheppard


1-3pm, Sun. March 11
Native plants are fighting for resources in the Nature Area! Bring water, gloves, and clippers if you have them. Dress to get dirty; rain cancels. (12+ yrs)
Info: (510) 525-2233

WILDERNESS SKILLS


ORIENTEERING I 
Lake Chabot/Roberts Joe Scarborough

10am-5pm, Sun. Mar. 25 #4730
Develop map reading and compass skills. 1.5 of classroom with 4 hours on a beginners' orienteering course. Ideal for hikers, backpackers, or anyone who spends time exploring outdoors. (12+ yrs)
Fee: \$25 (non-res. \$29)
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684


YOUTH & FAMILY

OUTDOOR DISCOVERIES 
Sunol Staff


10-11:30am, Thursdays
Kids 3-5 years and an adult are invited to discover the secret worlds of creek, woodland and more.
Fee: \$5/session/child (non-res. \$7)
Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601

WILDERNESS EXPLORERS/TREKKERS 
Sunol Staff

call for dates/times
Kids in grades K-6: explore the world of birds, bugs and wilderness beasts during a series of afterschool and Thursday morning adventures. Parental participation usually optional.
Fee: \$5/session/child (non-res. \$7)
Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601

PUDDLERS AND PONDS IN WINTER 
Tilden Nature Area Linda Yemoto

2-3:30pm, Fri. Feb. 3
We'll meander down to one of our ponds to see what's wriggling and squiggling there.
Info: (510) 525-2233


FEBRUARY FAMILY FORAY 
Sunol Cindy Gateño

10-11:30am, Sat. Feb. 10, 24
Bring the children to search for salamanders, mushrooms, worms, slugs and other wet weather wildlife. Dress for the weather. (Feb. 10, under 4 yrs., Feb. 24, over 4 yrs.)


SCOUT HIKES: LITTLE YOSEMITE

Sunol Cindy Gateño
1-3:45pm, Sun. Feb. 4, Sat. Feb. 17


Scouts and families enjoy this 3-mile adventure on Canyon View Trail to Little Yosemite. Rain or shine. Bring a snack, drink and a bag for trash. (6+ yrs)
Fee: \$5 (non-res. \$7)
Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601

SCIENCE FOR TYKES 
Sunol Cindy Gateño


10-11:30am, Sun. Feb. 4, Sat. Feb. 17,
Sat. Mar. 3; 1-4:30pm, Sun. Mar. 18;
10-11:30am, Sun. Apr. 8, Apr. 29;
7:30-9pm, Sat. May 5; 8-9:30pm, Sat. May 19
Budding scientists 4-8 yrs. and families: explore an outdoor laboratory with a naturalist. Feb. 4: Salamanders; Feb. 17: Mushrooms; Mar. 3: Vernal Pools; Mar. 18: Nibbling on Nature; Apr. 8: Frogs; Apr. 29: Rocks; May 5: Moon; May 19: Stargazing.
Fee: \$5/session per child (non-res. \$7/session per child)
Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601

MID-DAY MEANDERS 
Pt. Isabel Alan Kaplan


2:30-4pm, Tue. Feb. 6, Mar. 6
Feb. 6: Meet at the end of Isabel Street off Central Avenue in Richmond for a walk on a beautiful bay-side trail. There will be dogs present. Mar. 6: Meet at Tilden's Botanic Garden for a close-up view of flowers, bugs and birds.
Info: (510) 525-2233

LAUREL CANYON MINI-RANGERS 
Tilden Nature Area Dave Zuckermann


3:30-5:30pm, Tue. Feb. 6 and Mar. 13
Join us for an afternoon of nature study, conservation and rambling through woods and waters. Dress to get dirty; bring a snack to share. For 8-12 year olds and boys, unaccompanied by their parents.
Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

AMPHIBIAN AMBLE FOR TODDLERS 
Tilden Nature Area Linda Yemoto


2-3pm, Sat. Feb. 10
Join us for a gentle walk searching for newts, slender salamanders and other creatures. For 2-3 year olds and their adult friends.
Info: (510) 525-2233

DINO DAY! 
Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan


2-4pm, Sun. Feb. 11
Fun activities featuring big, dangerous, extinct creatures: puzzles, PALEO Bingo, life-size footprints and heads to take home.
Fee: \$3 Info: (510) 525-2233

IN NEEDIN' OF FEEDIN' 
Tilden Nature Area Martina Ernst


3:30-5pm, Fri. Feb. 16
Gather in the Little Farm classroom for a fun pig story, then feed the animals and tuck them in.
Info: (510) 525-2233

MAKE A HOME "TWEET" HOME 
Coyote Hills Doc Quack


1-3pm, Sat. Feb. 17
Bring the family to help build a bird house for mosquito munching tree swallows. Then we'll explore the marsh and plant native wetland trees.
Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385

HOW MANY KINGDOMS ARE YOU? 
Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan

10am-noon, Sun. Feb. 18
We'll look for creatures great and small throughout the Nature Area on trails and ponds.
No fee Info: (510) 525-2233

MAMMALS INSIDE AND OUT 
Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan

2-4pm, Sun. Feb. 18
Stroll through the Watershed Hall to see animals on display, then go out to search for their signs.
Info: (510) 525-2233


OPENING DAY CELEBRATION 
Crab Cove Nancy Krebs

10am-4pm, Sat. Mar. 3
Enjoy a pond walk, movies, storytelling and a craft as we celebrate opening for the year 2001.
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887


CREEK CYCLING

Alameda Creek
1-3pm, Sat. Mar. 3


Bring the family for some exercise and a riding adventure along our bike trail.
Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385

NATURE NUTS 
Tilden Nature Area Doc Quack


2-3:30pm, Sat. Mar. 3, 10
For youngsters age 5-10 and their parents: join our search for frogs and salamanders; discover what life's really like; other six-legged creatures. Mar. 3: river bed and identify stones. Doc Quack
Info: (510) 525-2233

FAMILY FARM SING-ALONG 
Tilden Nature Area


3:30-5pm, Fri. Mar. 9
Sing songs about our favorite farm and farm story and get close-up to the animals.
Info: (510) 525-2233

HOORAY FOR HERPS! 
Tilden Nature Area


10-11:30am, Sun. March 11
Hike around and find out what herps salamanders need to survive.
Info: (510) 525-2233

A MORNING IN THE VALLEY 
Round Valley


10am-1pm, Sun. Mar. 11
Spring's greenery will greet us on a strenuous 4-mile stroll through our enjoy grand vistas. (8+ yrs)
Info: (510) 525-2233

WEE ONES ON MARSH CREEK 
Brentwood/Oakley


9:30-10:30am, Tue. Mar. 13, 27
On these easy social strolls for parents and kids, we'll check out the plants, critters of flat, paved sections of the Marsh Creek Trail (March 13, Brentwood; March 27, Oakley).
Info: (925) 757-2620

NUTTY RANGERS 
Coyote Hills


1-3pm, Sat. Mar. 17
Discover "nutty truths," learn how to live, and plant and tend oak trees.
Reg. Required: (510) 795-9385

SEA SQUIRITS 
Crab Cove


10-11:30am, Tue. Mar. 20
For 3-5 year olds accompanied by a parent and plod through puddles to see and habitat of newts and salamanders.
Fee: \$5 (Res. \$7) Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

ESTUARY EXPLORERS 
Crab Cove


3:30-5pm, Thur. Mar. 22
For 6-8 year olds. We may get our hands wet.
Fee: \$7 (Res. \$5) Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

WONDERFUL WETLANDS 
Crab Cove

1-2pm, Sat. Mar. 24
Learn about wetlands. Craft and nature walk.
Fee: \$2 Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

TAKE A DIP 
Tilden Nature Area

2-4pm, Sun. March 25
With nets and magnifying glasses we'll look at what's growing in the water.
Info: (510) 525-2233

WEE ONES 
Crab Cove

10-11:30am, Tue. Mar. 27
For 1-5 year olds accompanied by a parent and plod through puddles to see and habitat of newts and salamanders. lated snack and craft included.
Fee: \$5 (Res. \$7) Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

parking, free swimming at seven lakes, special events, a free guide to the Regional Parks, only newsletter, and additional benefits listed on (510) 635-0138 x2203, for information.

Membership—Dog pass, free entry to swim up to six, 50 percent off on off-season (October) camping.

Disabled/Student

Member

Day Use/Boat Launch

Fishing

Circle-Family Member benefits plus an special Members' only event.

Circle-Tilden Circle benefits plus an special programs.

Circle-Reinhardt Circle benefits plus an "scenes" with a naturalist.

To reach

Central Registrations office:

North of Oakland on I-580 West, take the 580/Phothill exit in San Leandro. Bear right onto turn right on 106th Ave. and right again onto Mills Drive. Follow it to the end. From Oakland on West of Oakland on I-580 East, take the 106th Ave. Oakland. Take the first three left turns; you are on 106th Ave. From 106th, turn right onto Mills Drive and follow it to the end.



SPECIAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS	PARK	OPERATOR	PHONE
Archery - Field and Target	Briones	Briones Archers	(510) 724-3814
Archery - Field and Target	Redwood	Redwood Bowmen Association	(510) 530-0400
Bike Rentals	Del Valle	Windsurf Del Valle	(925) 455-4008
Boat Rentals	Del Valle	Urban Park Concessionaires	(925) 449-5201
Boat Rentals	Shadow Cliffs	Shadow Cliffs Park Company	(925) 846-2344
Boat Rentals	Lake Chabot	Lake Chabot Park Company	(510) 582-2198
Camping (groups)	Various Parks	East Bay Regional Park District	(510) 562-2267
Camping (families)	D. Valle, A. Chabot, Pt. Isabel	Sunol - EBRPD	(510) 562-2267
Dog Wash	Pt. Isabel	Mudpuppies Tub & Scrub	(510) 559-8899
Espresso Coffee Service	Pt. Isabel	K-9 Coffee	(510) 527-3357
Golf, Driving Range, Food, Banquet	Lake Chabot	Willow Park Inc.	(510) 537-8989
Golf, Driving Range, Food, Banquet	Tilden	American Golf	(510) 848-7373
Hang Gliding - Experienced Flyers	Mission Peak	Wings of Rogallo	(408) 476-2227
Blacksmith	Ardenwood	Scott Thomas	(510) 790-9060
Horse Arena	Contra Loma	Association de los Charrros	(925) 228-7981
Horse Arena	Martinez Shoreline	Martinez Horseman Association	(925) 228-7981
Horse Arena	Redwood	Judith Martin	(510) 336-0850
Horse Boarding Barn, Lessons	Anthony Chabot	Chabot Stables, Sara Cray	(510) 569-4428
Horse Boarding Barn, Lessons	Little Hills	Las Trampas Stables	(925) 838-7546
Horse Boarding Barn, Lessons	Redwood	Piedmont Stables	(510) 531-9944
Horse Boarding Barn, Lessons	Anthony Chabot	Skyline Ranch Equestrian Center	(510) 336-0850
Horse Day Camp	Las Trampas	Las Trampas Stables	(925) 838-7546
Horse Day Camps	Castle Rock	Adventure Day Camp	(925) 937-6500
Horse Rentals, Trail Rides and Lessons	Little Hills	Las Trampas Stables	(925) 838-7546
Horse Rentals, Trail Rides	Sunol	Sunol Pack Station	(925) 862-0175
Horse Trail Rides	Wildcat Canyon	Wildcat Creek Stables	(510) 232-6344
Marksmanship - Target & Skeet Shooting	Anthony Chabot	Chabot Gun Club	(510) 569-0213
Meeting and Club Activities	Martinez Shoreline	Martinez Sportsman Club	(925) 228-5638
Meeting and Club Activities	Martinez Shoreline	Martinez Pigeon Club	(925) 228-8222
Meetings, Weddings and Banquets	Tilden Brazil Room	Regional Parks	(510) 540-0220
Meetings, Weddings and Banquets	Kennedy Grove	Regional Parks	(510) 540-0220
Merry-Go-Round, Children's Parties	Tilden	Terri Holliman	(510) 524-6773
Model Boat Facility	Ala. Creek Quar.	Model Mariners	(510) 797-5422
Model Railroad - 5 Scales and Museum	Miller Knox	Golden State Model RR Museum	(510) 234-4884
Native Plants	Tilden	NativeHere Nursery	(510) 549-0211
Native Plants	Carguenez	CREEC	(510) 787-9772
Picnics (groups)	All Parks	East Bay Regional Park District	(510) 562-2267
Picnics, Parties and Events (groups)	Castle Rock	Picnic People	(925) 462-1400
Picnics, Parties and Events (groups)	Little Hills	Picnic People	(925) 462-1400
Picnics, Weddings, Food (groups)	Ardenwood	Picnic People	(925) 462-1400
Picnics, Parties and Events (groups)	Shadow Cliffs	Picnic People	(925) 462-1400
Pony Rides, Children's Parties, Day Camps	Tilden	Camey Thompson	(510) 527-0421
Railroad - Rides, and Museum	Ardenwood	Society to Preserve Carter Bros	(510) 796-9560
Trains - Model Steam Engines	Tilden	Golden Gate Live Steamers	(510) 486-0623
Trains - Steam Train Rides	Tilden	Redwood Valley Railroad	(510) 548-6100
Waterslide, Food, Group Picnics	Shadow Cliffs	Shadow Cliffs Association	(925) 829-5600
Windsurfing - Rentals and Lessons	Del Valle	Windsurf Del Valle	(925) 455-4008
Windsurfing - Rentals and Lessons	Contra Loma	Windsurf Diablo	(925) 778-6350
Windsurfing - Rentals and Lessons	Crown Beach	Sausalito Sailboards	(650) 331-9463

VISITOR CENTERS

ARDENWOOD REGIONAL PRESERVE

34600 Ardenwood Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94555-3645
(510) 796-0663

BLACK DIAMOND MINES REGIONAL PRESERVE

5175 Somersville Road
Antioch, CA 94509
(925) 757-2620

BOTANIC GARDEN

Tilden Regional Park
Berkeley, CA 94708
(510) 841-8732

COYOTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK

8000 Patterson Ranch Road
Fremont, CA 94555-3502
(510) 795-9385

CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER

1252 McKay Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501-7805
(510) 521-6887

DEL VALLE REGIONAL PARK

7000 Del Valle Road
Livermore, CA 94550-9526
(925) 862-2601

GARIN REGIONAL PARK

1320 Garin Avenue
Hayward, CA 94544-6822
(510) 795-9385

SUNOL-OHLONE REGIONAL WILDERNESS

P.O. Box 82 (on Geary Road)
Sunol, CA 94586
(925) 862-2601

TILDEN NATURE AREA

Environmental Education Center (EEC) at Tilden Regional Park
Berkeley, CA 94708
(510) 525-2233

SWIM FACILITIES

LAKE ANZA

Tilden Regional Park
Berkeley, CA 94708
(510) 843-2137

CONTRA LOMA

1200 Frederickson Lane
Antioch, CA 94509
(925) 757-0404

CULL CANYON

18627 Cull Canyon Road
Castro Valley, CA 94552
(510) 537-2240

DEL VALLE REGIONAL PARK

7000 Del Valle Road
Livermore, CA 94550
(925) 373-0332

DON CASTRO

22400 Woodroe Ave.
Hayward, CA 94541
(510) 538-1148

ROBERTS POOL

10570 Skyline Blvd.
Oakland, CA 94619
(510) 482-6028

SHADOW CLIFFS

2500 Stanley Blvd.
Pleasanton, CA 94566
(925) 846-3000

LAKE TEMESCAL

6502 Broadway Terrace
Oakland, CA 94610
(510) 652-1155

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION REQUIRED—Many programs do not require registration. Simply join the instructor at the location indicated in the program description. Call the phone number listed in the program description if you need further information.

PARK REGISTRATION—For programs requiring registration at a park site, call the number indicated in the description. Information will be provided when you call.

CENTRAL REGISTRATION—The course codes for programs that require central registration are printed in green throughout this directory. Refer to the instructions below for registration procedures for mail-in, phone or fax registration.

MAIL-IN: Complete the registration form on the back cover of this directory and mail with your payment (pre-printed check or credit card) to: East Bay Regional Park District, Registrations Dept., P.O. Box 5381, Oakland, CA 94605-0381.

WALK-IN: Come to the District Headquarters between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. We are located at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court in Oakland, next door to the Dunsmuir House and south of the Oakland Zoo off I-580. See the map above for directions.

BY FAX: Complete the registration form on the back cover and fax it to (510) 635-5502. Include all the necessary credit card information.

BY PHONE: Phone registration requires a credit card. Call the Registrations Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Fridays. The Registrations Office is closed on weekends and holidays. Please call the phone number for your area:

Alameda (510) 636-1684 Hayward (510) 538-6470
Contra Costa (925) 676-0192 Outside East Bay (510) 636-1684
Fremont (925) 373-0144

Communications Device for the Deaf: (510) 633-0460

FEES: Fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. They may be paid by pre-printed check, money order, VISA, Mastercard or in cash for walk-in registration. Non-resident fees apply to anyone living outside of Alameda or Contra Costa counties. Parking or park entrance fees may be charged depending on program time and location. Ardenwood entrance fees vary depending on the event or activity. Confirm all fees when registering for a program.

CHECK ACCEPTANCE: Pre-printed checks are accepted for mail-in registration in the Central Registrations Office until two weeks before the program takes place. Make checks payable to EBRPD. Programs registered in the parks will accept checks up until the day of the program. Returned checks will be charged an additional \$15 Returned Check charge.

CREDIT CARDS:

VISA and Mastercard are accepted for all fee programs except those that are registered at a park. Call the phone number in program description for information.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

REFUNDS/TRANSFERS: Refunds or transfers will be processed for programs canceled because registration is below the minimum enrollment at the cutoff date, or if a program is canceled due to inclement weather or instructor illness. Please allow up to three weeks for receipt of refund. If you would prefer to transfer into another program or class and there is space available, your refund will be applied to the fee for that program or class. (See Special Cancellation Policy below for exceptions.)

IF YOU MUST CANCEL: For a full refund or credit toward another program, you must call in your cancellation at least seven days prior to the class or program. Failure to notify the Registrations Office at least seven days in advance of the program date will result in forfeiture of program fees. (See Special Cancellation Policy below for exceptions.)

Special Cancellation Policy: For certain programs requiring the Park District to commit a deposit or guarantee a minimum, refunds will not be available less than 14 days prior to the start of the program. In the case of cancellation due to inclement weather, a credit will be issued for a future class with the same instructor. These programs are noted by "Special Cancellation Policy applies" within the program description.

February-March 2001 Mail-in Registration



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Attention: Reservations
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, P.O. Box 5381
Oakland, CA 94605-0381

Make checks payable to: EBRPD

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Name (parent or guardian if under 18) _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Day phone _____

Night phone _____

email address _____

Amount \$ _____

Expiration date _____

Authorized signature _____

Participant's Name	Birthdate Month/Day/Yr	Class Title First Choice	Code	Date	Fee
		Second Choice			
		First Choice			
		Second Choice			
Day Camp Scholarship Fund—provides subsidized day camp experiences for inner-city youth. (Optional)					\$1.00
Subscribe to this publication (Regional in Nature) (Optional)					\$5.00
Submit additional registrations on an attached sheet					Total

Signature required _____

Parent or guardian if under 18

Date _____

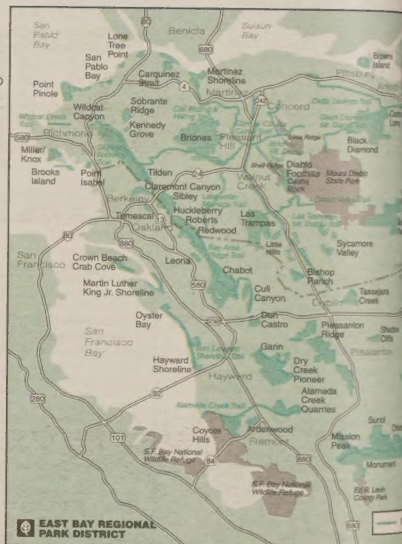


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How did you hear about our programs? ☐ TV ☐ Newspaper ☐ Visitor Center ☐ Radio ☐ Other

Office Use

Amount paid _____ Check no./cash _____ Register no. _____ Staff Initials _____



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